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Clinton's First 100 Days: A Painful 'Baptism by Brush Fire'

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Washington Part Service
WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton promised to focus like a "laser" on the economy, but the first 100 days of his administration have looked more like a light show, flickering from Russian aid to national service, the reinvention of government to gays in the military to Bosnia

In part because of his ambitious and broad-ranging agenda, in part because of the inevitable interference of foreign and domestic crises, Mr. Clinton's start in office has been a painful relearning of the lessons of previous presidents: that "uncertainty and unpredictability," as the White House com-munications director, George Stephanopoulos, put it, are the central facts of life in the White House. The ability of the president to keep the focus on a set of identified goals is constantly at risk.

Mr. Clinton's start in office has been what one presidential scholar called a "baptism by brush fire" that has left the new president without the clear picture that he and his team had hoped would be in place by now.

There was little doubt in the public mind that Ronald Reagan's agenda was Mr. Reagan's agenda in the sense of it representing an authentic identity, said Dan Thomas, a University of Iowa political scientist.

There was, quite obviously, no such certainty for George Bush," he said. "One hundred days into the Clinton presidency, one wonders anew, Who is Bill Clinton and what does he want to do with his presidency? Despite the unparalleled forum of the White House and a mandate for activism. Mr. Clinton has moved few Americans to his side beyond the 43 percent who voted for him. He has a historically high disapproval rating (39 percent) and an approval rating (59 percent) among the lowest of any elected president at this point in his term.

For a president who is trying, as he often puts it, to "do something," it is no surprise there are doubters. Mr. Clinton believes that sing for quick action on the economy. health care and other issues will pay dividends in time.

In interviews with White House officials, Democratic and Republican activists and students of the presidency, Mr. Clinton is given his highest marks for bringing the ener-

gy and vitality of a new, activist approach to replace the cautious reaction and intellectual exhaustion that characterized the end of 12 years of Republican rule.

Most give Mr. Clinton credit for confronting two of the nation's most difficult problems: the federal budget deficit and health care. And many say they believe that his stumbles — over selection of an attorney general, homosexuals in the military, and a relatively modest stimulus plan to boost the economy through jobs and social spending -can be overcome by a sustained commitment economic revitalization and health care

But students of government and the presidency fear — and Republicans hope — that the policy is too diffuse and that the stumbles signify not just transitory missteps but evi-dence of a president who may have continudifficulty maneuvering in Washington.

Mr. Clinton, in press conferences and speeches last week, acknowledged that he had learned some bitter lessons from his first

months and would "focus anew" on the "big things." He added that he may have "overex-

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What he said then:

"I want one of those great 100 days in which Congress would adopt my health care and education policies, my energy and eco-nomic initiatives, and where the private sector would become engaged in a whole new partnership to make this country great again."

- Candidate Clinton, in a Fortune magazine interview in spring

What he says now:

"I learned that things are not going to change quite as fast as I wanted them to.

- President Clinton, responding to a reporter's question Thursday.

 Almost half the 5,600 readers who took part in the Trib Competition predicted that Mr. Clinton would have an approval rating of just over 60 percent at the end of his first 100 days in office. They may have shot a little

Readers were asked in January to estimate his approval rating in the first Louis Harris poll to be published after the 100 days ex-pired. While those results won't be known until after polling ends on May 4, there are already two possible indicators.

A survey by Democratic and Republican poll-takers put the president's approval rating at 55 percent, and a Washington Post-ABC News survey found it to be 59 percent.

The Trib Competition (first prize: a round-trip Concorde flight from Paris to New York, or equivalent) has three additional questions as tie-breakers: The Dow Jones industrial average, the Trib Index, and the value of the dollar in Deutsche marks or yen at the 4 P.M. close in New York — all on April 30.

Those three figures will be published in Monday's International Herald Tribune.

U.S. Scurries To Remedy Unexpected **Economy Jolt**

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Bentsen Asks Allies For New Commitments To Improve Growth

By Lawrence Malkin International Revold Trib

WASHINGTON - The U.S. economy stumbled badly during the first quarter of 1993, the government reported Thursday, prompting the Clinton administration to press its trading

the Clinton administration to press its trading partners abroad and its supporters in Congress for help.

After rebounding vigorously last fall at an annual rate of 4.7 percent, the gross domestic product grew by only 1.8 percent this winter. Some slowdown was considered inevitable, but the preliminary estimate Thursday was as much as a full percentage point worse than expected.

reflecting less growth in almost all sectors.
The figures were published as Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen met here with the Group of Seven finance ministers. He told reporters he wanted "a further commitment to growth" from the other major industrial nations - in particular from lower interest rates in Europe,

where growth is dismal."

He basically got what he wanted in the G7-communique released late Thursday, which put forward a three-part strategy for global eco-nomic growth, combining interest rate cuts in Europe, higher government outlays in Japan and budget-deficit cuts in North America.

While unveiling no new initiatives, the nations pledged to continue economic policies already under way in hopes that these policies hold the key to bolstering global output.

U.S. officials said they would push for enact-

ment of President Bill Clinton's deficit-reduction program, while Japan discussed its eco-nomic stimulus package and Germany held out the hope of further interest rate cuts in the future (Earlier article, Page 13)

Noting that private demand is weak and nnemployment is rising in some European countries, the G-7 saw room for further interest rate cuts in the region to spur growth.

"Medium-term budget consolidation plans and containment of labor costs and inflation pressures will create room for a further decline in interest rates," the G-7 said.

On the currency markets, the nations said: "We agreed that exchange rates should reflect economic fundamentals and that excessive volatility is undesirable. We reviewed recent developments in foreign-exchange markets and affirmed our continued commitment to close cooperation." That language represented an implicit pledge by the United States to stop talking up the yea, even though the Japanese currency wasn't mentioned. Tokyo has complained that the steep rise of the yen in recent

President Clinton, meanwhile, applied politi-cal muscle to Congress for help with the economy, the declared focus of his presidency. In Itold-you-so remarks to Democratic members of Congress, he said the GDP figures proved "that the administration was right in trying to hedge against this economic slow growth" by proposing a stimulus program.

The administration's problem is that much of the recent growth in the economy stems from industrial streamlining that increases produc-

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A Craxi Crisis Spoils Start of Ciampi's Term

By Alan Cowell New York Times Service

ROME - Hours after Italy's 52d postwar government took office promising renewal, Parliament voted late Thursday to block a key judicial investigation into the affairs of Bettino Craxi, the former Socialist prime minister, plunging Italy into a crisis even before the new leaders had tasted power.

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Parliament's action, which stunned many here, seemed to set a national mood for reform against a legislature clinging to the emblems of its past. For many Italians, Mr. Craxi, the former Socialist leader, is a symbol of the discredited elite that ran the country for much of the postwar era.

Within minutes of the ballot, the Democratic Party of the Left, formerly the Communists, said it was withdrawing its support from the newly inaugurated reformist government of

Carlo Azeglio Ciampi.
Four newly appointed cabinet ministers—
three ex-Communists in power for the first time in 46 years, and a Green party environmentalist reportedly were planning to quit, threaten-ing the government's future only 12 hours after

il was swore in. Parliament's decision, said the small but in-Ilvential Republican Party, another important supporter of the new government, "shows that the lower house is no longer able to express the feelings of the Italian people." It called for immediate elections.

Despite the confusion, however, Mr. Ciampi's administration said in a statement that it would seek a planned confidence vote next

The charges of corruption against Mr. Craxi had been a centerpiece of investigations by Milan magistrates over the last 15 months into what prosecutors have depicted as a huge web of corruption linking more than 1,500 businessmen and politicians in the routine trade of bribes for public works contracts.

In a complicated ballot late Thursday, however, the 630-member Chamber of Deputies restricted the investigation of Mr. Craxi to purported wrongdoing in Rome, meaning that he has escaped inquiries into the more serious accusation that he took bribes worth \$29 mil-

A Home for East Europe In Brave New EC Market? Commission Endorses Faster Opening

By Tom Buerkle

nal Herald Tribune BRUSSELS - The EC Commission, reconding to criticism that its protectionist barriers have slowed economic reform in Eastern Europe, has endorsed an accelerated opening of the European Community market and a strengthened commitment to eventual membership to the Eastern countries, commission and omatic sources said Thursday.

in a proposal that must be approved by the 12 member states, the commission is calling for a "significant" opening of the EC market to six East European countries, a commission source

The plan would speed the removal of EC import restrictions on such items as footwear, textiles and steel, where the Community has erected new barriers recently to stem a rising tide of cheap Eastern imports, another commission source said.

The proposal also includes stronger political cooperation and enhanced consultations between the Community and Eastern Europe. Although it does not give a timetable for membership, the proposal clearly offers the

"reasonable assurance" of membership if prerequisites on democracy and economic reform are met, an EC diplomat said. Currently, the Community has established a transition period of four to seven years for hasing out tariffs on imports of certain items

the areas where Eastern Europe is competitive. Commission sources declined to specify how much that timetable would be accelerated under the proposal. A source said the most sensitive areas for the Community — such items as steel and textiles, which have the longest transi-tion period — would see the least acceleration.

Reuters, quoting commission sources, reported that in some cases the tariffs would be removed in two years rather than four years.

The plan is likely to face strong opposition from several member states that fear increased imports from the East at a time of deep reces-

Indeed, although the commission approved the main outlines of the proposal at its weekly meeting Wednesday, internal opposition over

wording continued to hold up release of the

day.
The market openings and political consultations also do not go as far or as fast as the East

Still, the proposal is broadly in line with the position of Sir Leon Brittan, the EC commissioner for external affairs, who has championed a more liberal trading stance for the Communi ty to encourage economic reform in the East.

"Eastern Europeans cannot get everything immediately," the EC diplomat said. "But the main thing is a positive orientation for their trade: increased imports."

Although acknowledging opposition from southern EC members that fear imports of agricultural goods, textiles and other items from the East, and even some resistance from Germany, whose free-trade stance has been shaken by the crisis in its steel industry, this diplomat said prospects were "fairly good" that the proposal would be adopted by EC heads of government at the June summit meeting in Сорепладеп.

The proposal would update a strategy drawn up last year by Sir Leon's predecessor, Frans Andriessen, that set out a framework for closer political and economic ties between the Community and East European countries with which it has signed association agreements: Poland, Hungary, the Czech and Slovak repub-

A commission source called it an "evolution, not a revolution" of the Andriessen strategy of gradually opening the EC market and holding out the prospect of membership.

The commission's call for a more liberal approach follows increasing complaints from Eastern Europe in recent months over the imposition of new EC barriers to imports of steel, meat and livestock.

"It seems that the proposals are quite openminded," said Jan Kulakowski, the Polish am-bassador to the Community. He said that the recent trade restrictions had been "rather dam-

Peter Gottfried, deputy head of Hungary's See EUROPE, Page 15

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Costa Rica Gunmen Free 18 Judges, **Ending 4-Day Standoff Peacefully**

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AP) - Gunmen released 18 Supreme Court justices and five 19 of the 22-member court and five male assistants Thursday, peacefully ending a four-day armed standoff, the Costa Rican security minister, Luis Fishman, an-

Mr. Fishman said that all hostages had been freed and that the gummen were en route to the San José airport. Earlier, the gunmen had requested safe passage to Brazil, but he did not say where they were

clerks. One justice said by telephone that they had tied some of the hostages to chairs and taped and wired them with dynamite.

Initially, the gunmen demanded a \$20 million ransom, which they later reduced to \$8 million, while also requesting the release of unspecified prisoners on trial and safe passage to Brazil.

The gunmen later freed one of the captive justices for health reasons.

China and Taiwan Start Down a New Road

As China and Taiwan wrapped up their historic meeting in Singapore with four agreements, a new channel of regular communications opened between the former rivals. Increased exchanges and closer cooperation in such areas as fighting crime are to be the order of the day. As the Taiwan delegate, C. F. Koo, put it: "Both sides have won." (Page 5)

Anguish in Congress on Bosnia Intervention

As the Clinton administration weighs new action on the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina that could involve the U.S. militarily, members of Congress, sharply divided over the issue, are haunted by the specters of the Vietnam War and the Holocaust. (Page 2)

General News U.S. reluctance on Paris air show has to do with

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The U.S. foresees a wider combat role for women in the military. Page 3. South Africa's leader expressed "deep regret" for Page 5. apartheid.

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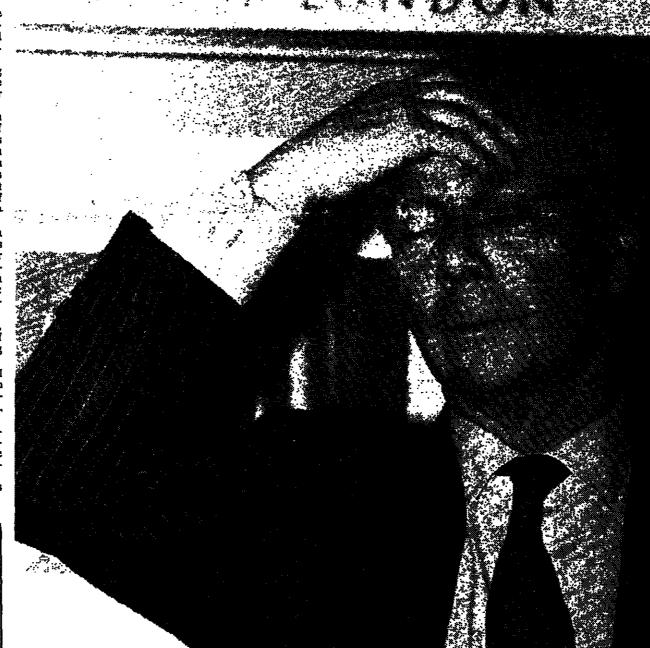
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To Our Readers

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Because of the May Day holiday in Eu-rope, the International Herald Tribune will strike by printers in Paris, some editions of the Herald Tribune dated May 29 did not



The chairman of Lloyd's of London, David Rowland, as he unveiled a sweeping restructuring plan for the insurance exchange.

Lloyd's of London Battens the Hatches

By Erik Ipsen ternational Herald Tribune

LONDON - With losses mounting and its reputation sagging. Lloyd's of London an-nounced on Thursday its most sweeping re-structuring in its 305-year history as its chairman warned that changes must be made if the market is to survive losses which he said could total £6 billion (\$9.4 billion) over four years.

"We are saying that we cannot do things the way we did them in the past because look what

happened to us," David Rowland, chairman of Lloyd's, said at a news conference.

He said that in a difficult insurance market generally, Lloyd's had managed to do worse than most. He pinned the blame for that failure on a host of self-generated problems ranging from costs that were allowed to balloon out of control to regulation that had never quite found

The changes detailed in the bound, 70-page plan were billed as "radical," and even the market's harshest critics were inclined to agree.

"It is a brave attempt, and we are supportive of it," said Anthony Sober, an adviser to the 406 Action Group, a group representing Lloyd's members in one of the market's hardpressed syndicates. What it promises for its members is a more-

efficient, responsive and crucially slimmeddown organization.

Mr. Rowland said that many of the changes had come too late and that the wealthy individuals who have supplied the market with its See LLOYD'S, Page 15

At Buckingham Palace, Pay-Per-View

By William E. Schmidt New York Times Service

LONDON - Strapped for cash to help repair fire damage at her out-of-town residence at Windsor Castle, Queen Elizabeth II said Thursday that she was throwing open the doors of Buckingham Palace in London and charging tourists the equivalent of about \$12.50 to tour

her state apartments and picture gallery. The announcement means that for the first time, visitors will be able to move beyond the iron gates of the imposing building across from St. James Park, where eager tourists now gather daily by the thousands on spring and summer mornings to watch the changing of the guard. According to royal advisers, the palace will open for eight weeks this summer, beginning

the second week of August. The summer open-

ing time coincides with a period that the queen

usually spends at Balmoral Castle in Scotland. At the same time, the palace and the government announced that there would be entrance charges for the first time on visitors to Windsor Castle, where tours were resumed earlier this year after last fall's fire.

Details of the queen's decision, revealed Thursday, underscored a growing openness on the part of Buckingham Palace to address mounting public criticism over the public cost of supporting the queen, her family and various royal properties and privileges.

Lord Airlie, the lord chamberlain, said the

queen "is conscious of the present pressures on public expenditure and, although Windsor Castie does not belong to her personally and is the government's rather than her majesty's financial responsibility, she is naturally keen to avoid additional demands on the public purse. Last November, Queen Elizabeth broke with

toyal and legal tradition and declared that she would voluntarily pay tax of her private income and personally absorb a larger share of the public cost of her family's expenses.

According to figures issued by the government and the palace, the admissions charges together are expected to meet about 70 percent of the \$47 million to \$62 million that will be required to reconstruct Windsor Castle. Government officials said Thursday that they did not know whether the palace would remain open once the restoration of Windsor Palace was complete, and that the decision to

open it on a limited basis was an experiment. On Thursday, some members of Parliament questioned the cost of admission, which would be about \$12.50 for adults, \$6.60 for people over 60 and \$6.25 for children under 17. A palace official replied; "We are confident that people will come."

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Clinton's Dilemma: Save Lives or Roll Back Serbian Gains

By Stephen Engelberg New York Times Service WASHINGTON - As President Bill

Clinton weighs military action in Bosnia-Herzegovina, senior officials say he is torn by two contradictory desires:

He wants to bring the swiftest possible end to a war that has already taken more than 100,000 lives. But he also wants to set an example that aggression does not pay, and thus he is unwilling to allow the Serbs to keep the territory they have seized in a year of "ethnic cleansing."

These goals are in conflict, senior officials acknowledge. If the West changes its policy and tries to help the Bosnians roll back the Serbs' gains, it will extend the war and mean more violence.

"It is the central tradeoff: Stop the fighting on one hand and freeze in place all the Serbian gains on the other." a senior official said. "That's the central dilemma. How many lives? How much injustice?"

The papers spelling out what the military can do are on the president's desk. In general, they lay out three options: air strikes within Bosnia. lifting the arms embargo on the Muslim-dominated Bosnian government and carving out "safe areas" for Muslim civilians.

try them in combination. Any choice that goes beyond air strikes implies serious confrontation with the UN forces in Bosnia and could become units." targets for Serbian retaliation.

AIR STRIKES The Pentagon has drawn up a package of air strikes within Bosnia that would hit key bridges, rail junctions and storage areas used by the Serbian nationalist forces. Other targets include the heavy artillery that has been responsible for most civilian deaths in cities besieged by

The plan for bombing reflects restric-tions set by the White House: No U.S. ground troops and, for the moment, no attacks on Serbia. For this reason, officials said, the Pentagon is not proposing any attacks on the key bridges between Serbia and Bosnia, fearing that a bomb could accidentally fall on the Serbian side of the border.

"The intent," one administration offi-cial said, "is to alleviate as much of the killing as possible, to hit the artillery weapons that are effecting the killing."
General Colin L. Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has warned Mr.

Clinton that even with laser-guided

Mr. Clinton can approve them all or weapons, bombs could fall in densely populated areas. Admiral David Jeremiah, General Powell's deputy, warned earlier this week, "It is not an easy thing to European allies, whose troops serve with use air strikes against guerrilla warfare

The president has said he would act only with the allies, so any air campaign could involve British and French aircraft. Even if the United States acted alone, British and French troops in Bosnia would be vulnerable and could be forced to withdraw, ending a program that has delivered large amounts of aid.

Air strikes are attractive to Mr. Clinton because they entail the lowest risk to U.S. personnel. Nonetheless, they might inspire even fiercer resistance. The Serbs see themselves as victims of a world conspiracy; their culture celebrates warriors who fight against impossible odds.

ARMING BOSNIA If Mr. Clinton's goal is to reverse the Serbian gains, arming the government forces is a must, senior Clinton aides say. Ground troops and fighting would prob-

ably be required to drive the Serbs back, and West European countries and the United States have made it clear that they will not provide such troops.

The Bosnians' shortage of weapons

dates from the beginning of the war. A Security Council ban on weapons sales to all factions in the Balkans, imposed in 1991 to quell fighting between Serbs and Croats in Croatia, has left the United Nations in the awkward position of guarantecing the Serbs' substantial edge in weaponry.

American intelligence estimates that a relatively small force of Serbian nationalists — less than 50,000 troops — has been able to take and hold more than 70 percent of Bosnia. The government actually has greater reserves of men to call on, but does not even have enough assault rifles

to equip them.

But U.S. experts have been skeptical about how much the Bosnians could do even if they had a full complement of weapons. Military officers say it could take weeks, maybe months, to train government troops to use anti-tank weapons.
Britain and France provide most of the

9,100-man UN force in Bosnia, and fear that more weapons will mean a greater threat to their troops, regardless of whether the Serbs deliberately retaliate. Finally, there are fears that the Serbs might launch an all-out push to annihilate the Bosnian forces before new weap-

ons arrived. Most of Mr. Clinton's national securi-

ty advisers have long favored an end to the arms embargo on Bosnia. But this will be a tough sell for the president because the allies are strongly opposed to lifting

SAFE AREAS Investigators sent by the White House to Bosnia in early March called on Mr. Clinton to create havens in which Muslim civilians would be protected from attack. This could be done largely with air power, but military planners insist that some ground troops would be need-

The UN forces are not authorized for this, and the president would have to persuade Britain, France and others to undertake missions that could mean a military confrontation with the Serbs.

A contingent of 145 UN troops from Canada has demonstrated the potential for havens: it has set one up in Srebrenica. On Wednesday, Diego Arria of Venezuela, who just returned from a UN factfinding mission to Bosnia, called for five more such areas to be set up.

But one administration official said this was not a model that Washington would accept because the Muslims in Srebrenica were required to give up their

WORLD BRIEFS

76 Said to Die in Afghan Plane Crash KABUL (Combined Dispatches) — All 76 passengers are believed to have did when a military transport plane crashed in northern Afghani-

stan, officials said Taursday.

The Antonov-32 plane crashed Tuesday, but wreckage was not discovered until Thursday, officials of the United Nations said. The aircraft, part of a fleet controlled by General Abdul Rashid Dostam, crashed in bad weather near the northern town of Tashqurghan while on a flight from Kabul to the ancient city of Mazar-i-Sharif, they said.

General Mohammed Haq, commander of an army transport unit, was aboard the flight, along with 15 members of an army wrestling team. The identities of the other passengers were not immediately known. Thick fog was preventing rescue teams from reaching the site. (Reuters, AP)

Seoul Accuses 5 Generals of Bribery

SEOUL (AFP) - Military prosecutors announced on Thursday the arrests of five air force generals, four of them combat air wing command-

arrests of five air force generals, four or them comparat wing commanders, amid an investigation into a military promotion scandal.

They are charged with giving bribes of 30 million won (\$37,700) to 300 million won to the former air force chief, Chung Yong Hu, in return for being promoted to the rank brigadier general, from colonel, in 1990,

military prosecutors said.

Government prosecutors said Mr. Chung would be summoned for questioning early next week after the military prosecutors compile a formal report. The arrests Wednesday came one day after five senior havy and Marine Corps officers were arrested and charged with giving bribes in return for promotions to the former navy chief, Kim Chong Ho, and the former marine commandant, Cho Ki Yup.

Yemen Braces for Islamic Backlash

SAN'A, Yemen (AP) - Soldiers and riot policemen moved into the capital on Thursday as an Islamic fundamentalist party accused the

government of rigging national elections held this week.

Preliminary returns showed a sweeping victory for the governing General People's Congress in elections Tuesday for the 301-seat parliament. The party, which ruled capitalist North Yemen before it merged with the formerly Marxist South Yemen in May 1990, had captured 95 seats, followed by the Islamic Reformation Movement, with 40, and the

A spokesman for Islamic Movement accused the governing party of "interfering grossly and flagrantly to change the course of the election" and warned that the Islamists might not take part in the new parliament. President Ali Abdullah Saleh said he would try to form a coalition between the General People's Congress and the Yemen Socialist Party.

French Nationality Bill Advances

PARIS (Reuters) - A committee of Parliament on Thursday approved a draft bill to tighten French nationality laws, one of a series of measures planned by the new conservative government to curb immigration. citizenship between ages 16 and 21 rather than receiving it autor

The proposed law, which has been criticized by anti-racist groups, is to be debated next week in the National Assembly, where Prime Minister

Angola Rebels Appeal to Washington ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast (Renters) — Angola's UNITA rebels called on Thursday for the intervention of the United States in their dispute with

peace talks in Abidian. Forge Valentim, the UNITA delegation chief, addressed his appeal to President Bill Clinton after accusing the government side of raising several objections to a peace protocol. He cited humanitarian aid, an

"Iran neither had nor has any intention of sending commandos to kill the apostate Salman Rushdie," Ali Akhar Nateq-Noari told the English language daily Tehran Times. But he condemned Britain for its "hostile stance against Iran on the Rushdie issue."

BELGRADE — Bowing to Prime Minister John Major of Britain, saying it would worsen already mounting pressure from Serbia, the blaspheny and condemned in 1989 by the late revolutionary leader

Pressure **Gets Serbs** To Review

By David B. Ottaway Washington Past Service
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Peace Plan

snian Serbian leader. Radovan Karadzic, agreed Thursday to reconvene his self-proclaimed national assembly to reconsider the United Nations peace plan for Bosnia-Herzegovina. But the meeting, set for May 5,

which is expected to reach a decision by this weekend on new U.S. measures to escalate pressure on the Bosnian Serbs to accept the

In any case, there was no certainty here Thursday, even among Serbian officials that the Bosnian Serbs would change their minds and vote to accept a peace plan that they unanimously rejected on

After a meeting on Thursday be-tween Mr. Karadzic and President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia, the Bosnian Serbian leader was reported ready to "assess in detail all aspects of the proposed plan, in-cluding new information," the Yugoslav press agency Tanjug report-

Dobrica Cosic, the president of the rump state of Yugoslavia, said Mr. Karadzic had "promised" that his assembly would accept the plan but had conceded it was possible it would reject it again despite his

promise. "They promised to convene that assembly again, Mr. Cosic said during an interview here. If that fails, however, there is absolutely nothing more we can do."

He said a decision by President Bill Clinton to launch air strikes on Bosnian Serbian positions would be a "tragic move

At a news conference on Wednesday, Mr. Cosic said that the leadership of Serbia and the federal Yugoslav government was only willing to use its political influence to persuade the Bosnian Serbs to accept the plan and would not take more "radical steps" such as clos-

ing its border with Bosnia. The closing of the border would mean an end to Sectian military aid and fuel supplies to the Bosnian Serbian forces.

■ Mediators Call Meeting

Montenegro, Reuters reported Thursday from the United Nations

The mediators Cyrus R. Vance and Lord Owen will convene a meeting this weekend with leaders of Bosnian Serbs, Croats and Mustims, as well as the presidents of Croatia, Yugoslavia, Serbia and

The bill would require immigrants' children born in France to apply for

Edouard Balladur's center-right coalition has an overwhelming majority.

the Luanda government, which unexpectedly hardened its position at

arms embargo and a proposed national army as points of disagreement with the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angela government.

Iran Rules Out Hit Men on Rushdie

NICOSIA (Reuters) — Iran's parliamentary speaker said Thursday that his country had no intention of sending hit men to carry out the death sentence imposed by a religious leader against the British author

Iran has objected to a proposed meeting between Mr. Rushdie and

Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomenei for his book "Satanic Verses."

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seemed unlikely to affect the thinking of the Clinton administration, France Stalls on EC Travel Accord

PARIS (AP) - In another setback to breaking down Europe's internal borders. France said Thursday it would not carry out this year an accord allowing free travel through nine European nations.

Alam Lamassoure, deputy minister for European affairs, said France would maintain police checks at borders as long as conditions for implementing the so-called Schengen agreement are not fulfilled. The 1990 accord has been signed by 9 of the 12 European Community nations, with the exception of Britain, Ireland and Denmark. Theoretically in place since Jan. 1, the accord allows travelers to cross borders of member countries without identity checks.

Separate strikes in France on Thursday disrupted trains and kept national dailies off newsstands. Rail ticket agents and collectors called a national strike to protest a new computerized booking system, which staff said has meant extra work. The strike was to end Friday. Distribution of national newspapers was halted by a one-day strike against the eviction of protesters from a paper plant near Rouen on Wednesday. (Reuters)

Hong Kong is likely to welcome a record number of tourists this year, with arrivals up 6.2 percent in the first three months, the Hong Kong Tourist Association said Thursday. The number of visitors is expected to surpass the nearly 7 million who arrived last year.

Air Strikes in Bosnia? **U.S. Generals Clash**

By Elaine Sciolino. New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - While President Bill Clinton ponders a decision on a more active policy in the Balkans, top generals have engaged in an unusually public debate over the effectiveness of air strikes to stop Serbian attacks against the Bosnian government.

In the most positive endorsement by a senior American military officer of the use of air power, General Merrill A. McPeak, the air force chief of staff, has told a Senate subcommittee that one option under consideration — bombing Bosnian Serb gun positions — would be completely effective and pose "virtually no risk" to attacking American warplanes.

General McPeak, a former fighter pilot, has predicted that air strikes could be used to clear away the Serbian artillery and make it easier to delivery relief supplies.
"Give us time," he said, and Western air forces would order strikes

"on every one of those artillery positions and put it out of business." His statements contradicted the negative assessment of a number of army and navy officials, including Admiral David Jeremiah, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who has said that air attacks would lead to allied losses and civilian damage. And during their confirmation hearings before the Senate Armed

Services Committee this week, a group of senior generals made public their concerns about the difficulty of conducting air strikes in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Lieutenant General Barry R. McCaffrey, the nominee as director of strategy, plans and policy for the Joint Staff, said the use of air strikes to stop Serbian aggression would "be quite a severe challenge for the use of air power. He added, "My gut sense is that there is no military solution to

During the same hearing, Major General Michael E. Ryan of the air force, nominated as assistant to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said: "If you can find the artillery pieces and get the pilots' eyeballs on them, you can probably take them out, But after the first time, they'll go into hiding, camouflage them or move them around. it's really a tough issue."

"Without the threat of follow-up ground forces," General Ryan said, the Serbian forces would "just ride out" a bombing strike.

On Bosnia, 2 Specters Haunt

Vietnam and Holocaust Shape the Debate in Congress

By Helen Dewar

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — For Senator John S. McCain 3d, a former navy fighter pilot who spent five years in a North Vietnamese prisoner-ofwar camp, the specter is Vietnam. If the United States becomes militarily engaged in Bosnia-Herzegovina, it will be walking into another quagmire, another war without end, the Arizona Republican says in urging the United States to hold its fire in the Balkans.

For Senator Paul Wellstone, , who speaks with the resonance of his own Jewish heritage, the specter is the Holocaust.

"There comes a time when silence, inaction, is a betrayal," the Minnesota Democrat says in urging U.S. military action to stop the "ethnic cleansing" of Bosnian Muslims by Serbs.

These two nightmares, with their compelling but conflicting messages, — haunt legislators as they agonize over whether to advise President Bill Clinton to inject the United States into the Balkan war. Congress, as Senator Joseph R.

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As a result, the House and Senate are more torn and splintered over Bosnian intervention than they were over any other recent U.S. military initiative, including Lebanon, Panama or the Gulf War, many lawmakers said in interviews.

It would almost certainly support a lifting of the arms embargo on Bosnian Muslims, according to Mr. Biden and other legislators. But if Mr. Clinton decides to propose U.S. air strikes against Bosnian Serbian positions, a majority would probably balk unless he could gain strong public support. In this post-Viennam, post-Cold

War and post-Gulf War era, none of the old moorings are in place. Vietnam hawks have become Bosnian doves, and Vietnam doves have become Bosnian hawks. Some of those who supported use of military force in the Gulf oppose it in the Balkans, and vice versa. And there is nothing that can be clearly identified as a Republican or Democratic position on use of military

force in Bosnia.

Take Representative Frank X. McCloskey, Democrat of Indiana, thorization for offensive military action against Iraq but wrote a letter, signed by 46 of his colleagues, urging Mr. Clinton to lift the arms embargo and use NATO air power to "enforce the will and conscience of both parties.

of the international community."

tervention in the former Yugoslaa. was one of many Jews rescued by "The Vietnam example," he said, the Swedish diplomat Raoul Wal-

times that when you finally get to

put it, is held in thrall by the "ghosts of great tragedies." the real thing, people don't recognize it. In Bosnia, we have probably found the real thing."

Republicans are no less torn. The leader of the minority Re-publicans in the Senate, Bob Dole of Kansas, has been arguing for stronger U.S. action and supports air strikes as well as lifting the arms embargo for the Muslims. But the Senate Republican Conference issued a statement Wednesday quoting three prominent Republicans, including Thad Cochran and Trent Lott, both of Mississippi, as urging a cautious approach.

"It has the potential to be a Viet-nam-type situation." Mr. Lott said. Major factors in the scrambling of old ideological and partisan alignments include the end of the Cold War and the demise of communism as a strategic threat to American interests. Another factor is the lack of an immediate, clearly definable threat to U.S. interests—the role that oil played in the Gulf

Without "oil or communism, everything tends to get blurred, said Mr. Biden, who has been trying to make the case that U.S. interests are seriously threatened by infor instance. He opposed the Vietnam War and the congressional auacknowledges it is not an easy sell. But it is the conflicting moral imperatives that many lawmakers

nam that seems to create the most compelling dilemma for lawmakers "With many members, the two ightmares compete and conflict," Then there is Representative Robert G. Torricelli, Democrat of said Representative Tom Lantos, New Jersey, who supported the Democrat of California a native of Gulf War but opposes military inin the anti-Nazi underground and

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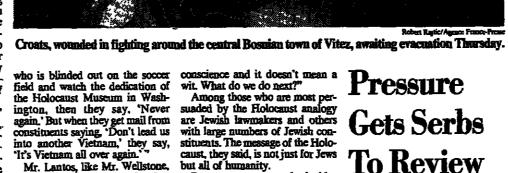
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Mr. Lantos, like Mr. Wellstone, supports U.S. military action but understands the countervailing of the issue, there is a sense the pressures on other members.

Among those who are most perdraw from the Holocaust and Vietsuaded by the Vietnam analogy and by concern over a possible military quagmire are those, like Mr. McCain, with military experience or a close identification with the

military. "You don't go in to a situation like this halfway, you don't just bomb a few artillery sites," said Senator John Glenn, Democrat of Ohio, a former astronaut and veteran of World War II and the Korean War, "All that does is satisfy your

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Clinton To Confer With Allies

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But, among many on both sides

argument is being joined in Ameri-

ca just as it is ending in Bosnia.

With Serbs having conquered vast swaths of Muslim Bosnia and clos-

ing in on others, Mr. Lantos said, "There are no good solutions at the

moment; the time for good solu-

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton on Thursday pledged aggressive consultations" with allies before announcing his plans for dealing with the Balkan civil war.

The White House said Mr. Clinton could decide as early as Friday on action, which officials have said could include limited air strikes. Mr. Clinton said he needed more time to confer with General Colin L. Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, on a strategy. General Powell has been in Europe for

much of this week. "But we will do so soon and then we'll begin some pretty aggressive consultations with our allies," the president said during a picture-takng session in the Oval Office.

The White House press secre tary, Dee Dee Myers, said Mr. Clinton would make a decision Friday, although he might not announce it for several days. This is to be followed by another round of consultations with U.S. allies, as well as with members of

Congress, who have engaged in a

harsh debate this week over whether the United States should intervene in the Balkan conflict. Once the consultations are complete, Mr. Clinton will then make a public announcement outlining his

plan, Ms. Myers said Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher is expected to travel to Europe this coming week to consult with allies and discuss the plan. In London, Prime Minister John

Major said Thursday that his government was staying in close touch with the United States over ways to end the Balkan war and insisted that no viable option to stop the But in remarks in Parliament, Mr. Major reiterated British reser-

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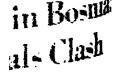
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day — completely on track either.

There are indeed bad signs for the president, many of them emphasized in some accounts of his first 100 days in office. The asmy of them emphasized in some accounts of his first 190 days in office. The defeat of his emergency spending bill this month by a Senate Republican filibuster was one precursor of potential pitfalls ahead. The almost certain rejection of his proposal for an investment tax credit for the amother.

> WASHINGTON - The number of Americans receiving food stamps edged up in February to 26.9 million, setting a record. Participation first exceeded 26 million people in September. Except for a slight dip in October, the numbers have been growing since

The Clinton administration, which wants to make it easier for

people to get food stamps, says economic growth has bypassed many

"This unprecedented need for food assistance clearly shows that the recovery still has produced no major increase in jobs or family income," Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy testified Wednesday to the House Agriculture Committee. (AP)

House Democrats Win Line-Item Veto Change

WASHINGTON - House Democratic leaders played tough for a

ange and broke an unusual alliance between Republicans and

black lawmakers that had blocked consideration of a slight change in

the president's power to challenge spending items.

The aggressive tactics won approval on Wednesday for a procedural rule to bring to the House floor a modified version of a line-

item veto that President Bill Clinton favors. House action on the

While a roll call was kept open for several minutes, Speaker Thomas S. Foley, Democrat of Washington, and his allies patrolled

the House floor in search of support on a procedural vote, prompting Representative Neil Abercrombie, Democrat of Hawaii, to change his vote. Three other members who voted late also backed the leadership's position, including Representative Floyd H. Flake, Democrat of New York, who is black.

The rale narrowly passed, 212 to 208, in the most suspenseful House vote so far in the 103d Congress. Only two Republicans

WASHINGTON — The two leading national political parties each would get about \$6 million a year from taxpayers to match

small densitions under a plan that sources said the Clinton adminis-

tration is considering as part of its package to reform campaign

The proposal, advanced by the Democratic National Committee chairman, David Wilhelm, would be another new winkle in cam-

paign reform. It would help replace revenues the parties expect to lose under a proposed ban on large donations from corporations.

rending and weathy movement it also would mare see the manner of candidates and groups seeking some form of public financing.

Presidential candidates now get matching funds for the primaries and cash for their nominating conventions and general election campaigns from a fund financed by taxpayers who designate \$1 of

their taxes for the purpose. That fund is going broke, and the Federal

Election Commission, which administers it, recommends that Congress increase the checkoff to \$2.50 and index it for inflation.(WP)

Bob Dole, the Senate Republican leader: "President Clinton has been captured by the liberals in his party... Unfortunately, sometime between the election and the inaugural, somebody got a hold of him and he's the same old tax and spend."

Senator John B. Breaux, Democrat of Louisians: "I think the president has contributed an incredible amount of time and energy

to the challenges he faces. It is something that is very refreshing and shows real leadership. There have been some mistakes made by the

White House in its handling of things. They didn't recognize that the Senate was going to be very different from the House." (AP)

Democrats Offer Campaign Finance Plan

legislation had been delayed for nearly a month.

joined Democrats in supporting the rule.

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economic plan, on which the ultimate suc-cess or failure of his presidency could ride,

has not been derailed by Congress.
But the overall package, with its steep tax increases, deficit reduction and large shifts in spending from the military and toward social

programs and public works projects, is not

New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — Despite some early setbacks and the worries expressed by some of President Bill Clinton's top advisor. of President Bill Clinton's top advisers, his

NEWS ANALYSIS

sures and some of the toughest spending proposals will not be subject to a Republican

In the final analysis, the outcome may depend less on the substance of the proposas the White House maintains day after als than on Mr. Clinton's personal political standing this summer, a matter in which the economy plays only a part.

An experienced legislative strategist on the staff of a leading Democratic senator put it this way: "It's an absolute rule up here: Popular presidents get what they want; un-popular ones don't."

July and August.

FIRST 100 DAYS / IT'S THE ECONOMY

Clinton's Economic Plan: It's Clinging to the Rails

Some of his proposals are viewed more favorably in Congress than others. The idea of higher income tax rates on the wealthy commands broad support. An investment tax credit has almost none.

Some proposed tax increases on U.S. companies that do business abroad will probably be dropped because the amount of revenue they would raise is not worth the political grief that goes with tackling the issue. Other proposals like a new tax on fuel, a

tax on more of the Social Security benefits of higher-income retirees, and higher corporate tax rates fall somewhere in between. They are inherently impopular, but a strong president might be able to muscle them through.

political history is one of quick plunges and surges in popularity. Where he stands now made changes in tax bills and would surely do so this time. But he said he expected the main elements of the president's proposals to

The prevailing view among lawmakers of both parties and lobbyists who work the Capitol corridors daily is that the House of Representatives will approve the Clinton economic package without critical changes. The Ways and Means Committee will be-

gin drafting the tax portion, politically the most difficult part, next week, and the House is expected to vote by Memorial Day. But the Senate, which will not vote until

July or even August, is a different matter. Its rules prevent a Republican filibuster like the one that killed the spending bill this month. Still, the Democratic margin in the Senate is so narrow and the president's support Mr. Clinton's popularity, as measured by opinion polls, has fallen recently. But his opinion polls, has fallen recently. But his has fought countless tax wars as a senator,

Not Such Great Expectations

Voters Hard on President, Worse on Congress

By Dan Balz and David S. Broder

Washington Past Service
WASHINGTON — The first hundred days of Bill Clinton's presidency have diminished public exectations that he - or anyone else in Washington — can do much to turn around a country that 7 out of 10 voters think is going in the

wrong direction. Whatever the voters may have believed last winter about what Mr. Clinton and Congress would do to fix the economy, reduce the federal deficit and put the country on a different path, they are noticeably more doubtful today.

"I had some high hopes," said Linda Brantley, a Milwaukee postal service investigator and Clinton voter, "but they were shot down kind of quickly. His first 100 days, I'd have to give him an F. He's trying to please too many people all at the same time, without really looking at the heart of the issues."

A Washington Post-ABC News poll shows Mr. Clinton's overall approval rating holding fairly steady at 59 percent, but there is little sense of accomplishment and a reversal of the early optimism about ending gridlock in Washington. His disapproval rating was 39 percent, unusually high for a president this early in his first term.

Congress's ratings are worse only 30 percent approved of the job it was doing - and Republicans appear to have damaged themselves by moving into open opposi-tion to the president. But the main conclusion of the poll and votes interviews in three swing states is that six months after the "big change" election of 1992, many voters feel that they are living through a familiar bad dream.

They are more skeptical about Mr. Clinton's capability or political skill to accomplish what he promised during his campaign. They fear that the problems Mr. Clinton faces are bigger and more difficult than either he or they believed right after the election.

"I'll put it this way," said Robert P. Bosch, a retired electrician from Santa Ana, California, and a Clinton supporter in November. "He was the lesser of two evils. We couldn't afford four more years of

Clinton View: 100 Days Went **'Pretty Well'**

International Herald Tribute

WASHINGTON - Starting his 100th day in office, Bill Clinton declared Thursday that he was "doing pretty well" as president despite the country's "serious problems."

"I learned that things are not going to change quite as fast as I wanted them to," Mr. Clinton said in response to a reporter's question.

"At least the American people know that the Democratic Party is serious and the president's serious about deficit reduction," he said. "They know we're going to do something about health care reform. They know we're going to try to be partners with the private sector in rebuilding the economy. And they know we're trying to make government work together."

of other presidencies after three months in office, "I think we're doing pretty well," he said.

In an interview a year ago, months before he was elected president, Mr. Clinton said his administration would start

"I want one of those great 100 days in which Congress would adopt my health care and education policies, my energy and economic initiatives, where the private sector would become engaged in a whole new partnership to make this country great

man with new advisers, could get in there and do a better job. I made a

Despite a significant infusion of

spised institution, one that swallows up newcomers and converts them to a culture of special interests and political infighting. Republican minorities in Congress are blamed more than Mr. Clinton for the return of gridlock, but there are also symptoms of a dangerous political drift for Mr. Clinton.

He has converted few of George Bush's or Ross Perot's supporters, and many of those who backed him nervously and reluctantly in November express second thoughts about whether he is up to the job.

The Post convened a focus group of voters this week in Milwankee. They are the kind of people Mr. Clinton needs to persuade if he is to enlarge his 43 percent election plurality into a governing majority. They either voted for him - some with reservations - or for Mr. Perot. But their report cards for the new administration were universal-

"I'm fairly well disappointed in his performance," said Ted Lout-kowski, a printer who supported Mr. Clinton. "D minus."

"A very poor job," said Ruth home and switched her vote from Mr. Bush in 1988 to Mr. Clinton last fall. "All I hear is he's raising taxes. I don't hear his spending

Colleen Casey, a purchasing manager and a Perot supporter, said, "He's doing a poor job, a D minus. I'm getting pretty cynical on the entire process and all the candidates." dates. We've heard about balancing tions at least and no one is able to do it, Republican or Democrat."

As impatient as they may be for progress, voters recognize the arti-ficiality of a 100-day deadline for a new administration, with many saying it is too soon to draw conclusions about the new president.

But when asked which of the last three presidents Mr. Clinton most resembles, the unanimous answer in Milwaukee was Jimmy Carter a one-term president.

Voters are significantly more The cynicism extends to all of Washington, with the poll measuring trust in government to "do what is right" at an all-time low. creasingly they are wortied that Mr. Clinton's answers for the nation's problems may wrong.

> On a list of issues, ranging from improving the economy to dealing with the delicit to dealing with problems of the middle class, expectations of substantial progress have dropped about 10 percentage points since January.

them are not certain they know where he wants to take the country.

His economic plan is too compli-cated for many voters to under-stand and his priorities are not clear. Some major initiatives, such as his desire to "reinvent govern-ment," have barely trickled down to the average person. Among these middle-class voters, there is rising suspicion that the health care plan the president has promised will burden them with more taxes, not Thomas F. (Mack) McLarty, said relieve them from anxiety about

Although the Post-ABC poll shows that a majority of voters be-lieve that Mr. Clinton is focused on big issues, voters fear that his agenda has become too ambitious and a number volunteered the issue of gays in the military as one they thought he should have avoided at He added: "You clearly have to the beginning of his term. They have a focused, concentrated plan to move your agenda forward."

prefer that he focus more narrowly on the economy and on the deficit.



Women Step Toward Battle

Aspin Hopes to Open Up Most Combat Jobs to Them

By John Lancaster Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Les As-

n's decision to let women fly combat aircraft is a first step toward allowing women into virtually every combat specialty short of frontline ground combat units, according to Pentagon officials. Mr. Aspin announced that he would lift the Pentagon's ban on women in combat aviation slots, effective immediately, and also would ask

Congress to repeal a law barring women from navy He also ordered the services to reconsider the continued exclusion of women from other combat

jobs outside of froatline infantry and armor units. Pentagon officials said the review almost certainly would lead to the assignment of women to such battlefield jobs as rocket artillery, combat engineering and brigade-level military intelligence, all of which are currently limited to men.

"The steps we are taking today are historic," Mr. Aspin said at a news conference. "The results of all this will be that the services will be able to call upon a much larger pool of talent to perform the vital tasks that our military forces must perform." He added, "Right now we're not able to do that."

In the short term, his decision means that small numbers of qualified female pilots will soon begin making the shift from trainers and transports to high-performance combat aircraft such as the navy's F/A-18, the air force's F-15 and the army's Apache and Cobra helicopter gunships. Army officers said female pilots would begin competing for assignment to combat helicopters within weeks.

No female pilots serve in the Marine Corps, but

Marine Commandant General Carl E. Mundy Jr. said that the situation would soon change.

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"We will have applications for women in aviasuspect," General Mundy said Wednesday. "Their applications will be taken, they'll be processed, they'll go to flight training and they'll compete for aviation slots on a gender-neutral basis in the Marine Corps."

Congress repealed the law prohibiting women from combat aviation jobs in 1991, but the Pentagon had not acted on the legislation until Wednesday. A law excluding women from combat vessels remains in effect and must be repealed before Mr. Aspin can move forward with his plans for the

The navy is "ready to go," said Admiral Frank B. Kelso, the chief of naval operations. "We have women flying F-18s today, we have women in our electronic warfare squadrons, and we think they can transition into combat squadrons within a few months if the combat exclusion law is changed."
Although Mr. Aspin and Admiral Kelso ex-

pressed eagerness to move quickly on assigning women to combat vessels, they said they had not yet made up their minds about submarines. Admiral Kelso expressed concern that cramped berthing arrangements on submarines might make it difficult to preserve adequate privacy.

Mr. Aspin also drew the line on the question of assigning women to ground combat units. Penta-gon officials said that, setting aside questions about women's strength or suitability for such jobs, they did not believe Americans were ready to send women into ground combat.

tended" himself and agreed that he had "misganged" the ability of Republicans to stall his proposals. Overall, three in five voters ap-On the self-graded report card, the president gives himself an A for one thing: a detailed economic package that includes construction of a budget from the bare-bones prove of the job Mr. Clinton is the military. "That stuck," one top ing, and ordered the bureaucracy to doing as president. But many of official said mefully about the gays settle the long-running northwestern dispute over the spotted owl. U.S. Air Show Worry - Cash

Pentagon Says Cutbacks, Not Spy Scare, Led to Decision

By Barry James

International Herald Tribune
PARIS - Lack of cash rather than fear of spying appears to be the reason for the Pentagon's decision not to allow U.S. aircraft or helicopters to appear at the Paris air show in June.

"It is my impression that it is a money issue," a Defense Depart-ment official told Reuters. "We are cutting back in all areas." But the official said American manufacturers were welcome to

lease military aircraft to show in Paris. He said the equipment "is available if the contractor wants to pay the expense." Another official said the Defense Department might absorb part of the cost of sending military planes to Paris provided it formed part of

a legitimate training exercise. The possibility that the United States was staying away because of a spy scare arose after the chairman of Hughes Aircraft Co. announced

that the company was pulling out of the show after being targeted by French intelligence. The U.S. Embassy in Paris issued a statement affirming support for the participation of American

companies in the show, which takes

est advances in aeronautical technology," the statement said.
"More than one hundred U.S.

place every two years.
"The United States fully supports participation of U.S. firms in the Paris Air Show, which is the premier world showcase for the lat-

firms, along with NASA and the Federal Aviation Administration, said.

will participate in the USA National Pavilion. In addition, at least one hundred other U.S. firms will disconsistent star at previous air play their technology at other pa-vilions at the show."

Defense Department sources in Washington said the Pentagon was in discussion with "various companies" for leasing arrangements at the Paris show.

One official said that the United States had taken part in the 1991 air show in a big way because that was "a special occasion" right after the Gulf War when "there was a tremendous amount of interest in this equipment." It was also in-tended to allay fears that "the United States was about to withdraw from Europe completely."
But the official said there were

congressional concerns "that this participation should be paid for by the contractors."

He said Congress was concerned that if the U.S. government helped American contractors sell overseas, this could be in conflict with national concern about the prolifera-

tion of weaponry.
At the same time, he added, there is "an interest in the U.S. industrial base, and allowing U.S. industry to

compete for foreign markets."

"This is an important industry for us." he said. "If a U.S. contractor is able to sell overseas, that cuts our costs."

As a result, the official said, the U.S. government is looking at participation in such shows on a caseby-case basis. "I don't think we're going to participate in the Tehran

The U.S. display at the Paris show will feature an F-16 fighter, a shows, but there will not be a demonstration flight. The chief constraint is the cost of insurance for operating high-performance war-planes close to crowds.

Hans Hollander, president of American Aerospace Industries Inc., representing 65 U.S. companies at the show, said spy fears were exaggerated. "If something is classified, we don't show it," he said. The peeking, intelligence gathering, gossipping and eavesdropping that go on at the show, he said, are a normal part of doing business.

Show veterans recalled that before the 1991 exhibition, there were reports that the Pentagon would not pay for U.S. military aircraft to perform in Paris.

But after the success of U.S. equipment in the Gulf War, the Commerce Department sought and obtained a high-profile U.S. presence at the show.

The Pentagon sent many of the planes involved in the Gulf War. including an F-117 Stealth bomber and an Airborne Warning and Control System jet

Although military aircraft are on public display behind restraining ropes, security at the air shows is usually tight — so much so that in 1991, a U.S. Air Force officer prevented the French defense minister at the time, Pierre Joxe, from getmilitary arms expo-type thing," he ting within touching distance of the

Away From Politics

 A strong earthquake shook a wide area south of the Grand Canyon early Thursday, briefly knocking out power at the national park. There were no reports of any serious damage or injuries. The quake, the second in the area this week, registered 5.5 on the Richter scale. It

blankets be replaced after participants in the Washington gay-rights march rode on board. American called the report "outrageous, objectionable and unfortunate" and said it would investigate. The linen change was requested when the jet arrived at Dallas-Fort Worth Airport on Monday, the day after the march, on its way to

demonstration he was waiting to cross a street when three men dressed alike and wearing yamnukes adorned with the Star of David beat him on the head and legs with metal pipes. He said he needed 12 stitches to close the head wound.

report on world poverty, said the number of people at that income level increased by about 88 million in the five years before 1990. Astronauts aboard the space shuttle Columbia repaired a nitrogen

tal policies, preparing a campaign and lobbying overhanl package, be-ginning an education and welfare overhanl and devoting a massive amount of time and effort to as-

sembling the health care proposal. outline left by Mr. Bush and congressional approval of the contours of a five-year deficit-reduction plan marking a "fundamental change" But most Clinton aides acknowledge a failure in setting the public to rally behind the president in a way that would provide political

from the era of Republican eco-

fortification to get done the things nomic policy.

In addition, he awards himself he promised.

slowness in assembling the rest of

was centered near Valle, a crossroads 30 miles (48 kilometers) south · An American Airlines flight crew asked that all the pillows and

Federal and Washington officials are investigating the beating of a man who protested at the opening of the Holocaust Museum by waving a Palestinian flag. David Willcox told police that after the

• Governor Ann W. Richards of Teras gave a convict a 30-day reprieve on Wednesday, hours before he was to be executed for a 1981 munder. The governor said of the convict, Gary Graham, "I pass no judgment on his guilt or innocence but believe that questions have been reised in this case that deserve further examination." • Worldwide poverty is increasing, with more than 1.1 billion people living on less than a dollar a day in developing countries, the World Bank says. The bank's president, Lewis T. Preston, presenting its

gas line, restoring the space summe Common reparet a integral gas line, restoring the spacecraft's normal water pressure after the mission ran into plumbing problems. Despite a series of technical problems, officials are hoping to extend the nine-day research mission by one day, with a return to Earth next Thursday.

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Bush. I thought this man, a younger new blood, Congress remains a de-100: Clinton's First Weeks in Office a Confusing 'Baptism by Brush Fire'

high marks for beginning the process of a half-dozen other
"changes" in business-as-usual: reversing Reagan-Bush environmental policies, preparing a campaign
and lobbing carefully leader to the market of the success of the success of the success of the success of the policies of the success of the market of the market of the success of the succe Although Mr. Clinton set the

date for judgment, promising at one point "an explosive, 100-day action period," the president now complains that expectations have become unrealistic. In the view of many administration officials, the normal problems of any new administration were exacerbated because the White House staff was not named until six days before the inauguration and by the continuing

the administration.

And the campaign book filled with specific positions has become something of an albatross.

Mr. Clinton pledged to cut the deficit in half while "investing" in areas such as education, national service, childhood education and others that would bring an eco-

nomic return, and to do it without raising taxes except on the rich. But rather than the middle-income tax cut he pledged, he found he had to propose an energy tax that would increase taxes for nearly everyone, including the middle class, and higher taxes on Social Security benefits of many elderly recipients. His health care overhaul package due out next month most likely will require additional taxes, although in the campaign he said

savings produced by his plan would pay for health benefits for all. On a string of other campaign promises, Mr. Clinton has also had to back away. On Haid, he abandoned the pledge to allow fleeing refugees a hearing in the United States, rather than being intercepted at sea and returned home. His campaign attacks on Mr. Bush's inaction in Bosnia have been replaced with laments on the difficul-

ty of the issue. In areas where Mr. Clinton can move without Congress, he has. He imposed stringent ethics rules on

He stepped forward to support President Boris N. Yeltsin of Russia, a move that, as he noted in a recent speech, is politically unpopular. Although he delayed immediately revoking the ban on gays in the military, he pledged to take action to do so this summer despite an uproar in the military and in

The White House chief of staff. in an interview last week that every medical bills. recent chief of staff told him in preinaugural conversations, "There is very little way you can prepare yourself for this. You really just have to be there to fully understand how things will come at you, how much comes at you. And they were

Bullet Wounds Are Found In 7 Bodies at Waco Site

WACO, Texas - Seven corpses pulled from the ruins of the

doomsday cult compound were shot, a medical examiner said Thursday, adding that it was too early to determine whether the bullet wounds were self-inflicted. Investigators said there were probably fewer people inside the compound than David Koresh, the cult's leader, had said. The authorities have recovered the corpses of 65 victims of the April 19

blaze that ended a 51-day standoff. Dr. Nizam Peerwam, a pathologist for the Tarrant County medi-cal examiner's office, said 25 of the bodies removed from the charred compound were found in a fortified room where Mr. Koresh had stashed much of his ammunition. Four other bodies have been found in the room but not yet been removed, he said. Dr. Peerwani said he found bullet wounds in seven bodies he had examined.

ITALY: Craxi Crisis Threatens Ciampi's Government

(Continued from page 1) lion in Milan — the nation's rich. industrial heart and once the So-

cialist Party's fief. Under the Italian legal system, legislators like Mr. Craxi are immune from judicial inquiry until Parliament rules otherwise. If the Parliament decides that there is insufficient evidence in a specific case -- like the accusations against Mr. Craxi in Milan - then investigating magistrates may not pursue the charges.

The votes Thursday permitted prosecutors to pursue lesser charges and inquiries into illicit party funding by Mr. Craxi. That charge, however, no longer has the same resonance, since a major series of referendums last week voted

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to abrogate the very legislation under which he is accused.

situation," said the former Com- prime minister, Giulio Andreotti, munist leader, Achille Occhetto, whose party had sent ministers into of Mafia association. the government for the first time since 1947. The new administration, he said, may be "unraveling."

The ruling was the first major setback for the Milan investigators and presented Mr. Ciampi's government with a major challenge to its credibility, since it showed that the Parliament that underpins it seems tied to the same old order that the new administration is supposed to reform.

Umberto Bossi, leader of the insurgent Northern League, which has spurned the new government, called the Parliament vote "shame-

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> But the ballot Thursday sent a different signal - that, however ambiguously, the country's politi-cal clite had decided to protect a figure many Italians view as discredited, contradicting the national spirit of reform.

Unlike the ballot that lifted Mr. Andreotti's immunity, the lower house vote Thursday was held in secret, so it was not immediately clear who had voted in Mr. Craxi's favor. The result would not have been possible, however, without the support of legislators from the country's traditional parties, on whom Mr. Ciampi is depending in part to support his reformist gov-

The mood contrasted sharply with the sense of change evoked by many Italians only 24 hours earlier. For the first time in 46 years the

government lineup announced Wednesday by Mr. Ciampi include former Communists, promising a broader parliamentary base. Of the 24 ministers in Mr. Ciampi's government, moreover, only nine were members of the Parliament that has been so closely associated with the



bribery and corruption scandal. Bettino Craxi, right, a former Socialist prime minister, and Claudio Martelli, a former justice Five more have no party affiliation. minister, during debate in Parliament on Thursday over the scandal about top-level government graft.

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Dominique Bozo, Curator Of Paris Museums, Is Dead

By John Russell New York Times Service

Dominique Bozo, 58, president of the Pompidou Center and Wednesday in Paris.

French national patrimony in the children, legitimate and illegiti-field of 20th-century art, Mr. Bozo mate, all of whom had claims upon played a fundamental role in the the estate, Had Mr. Bozo not won enormous and rational enlarge- their trust, there could have ensued ment of French public collections lawsuits and a piecemeal, contested over the last 20 years.

was spent in the museum field. Appointed to the staff of the National Museum of Modern Art in 1969, he took charge of its eventual relocation to the Pompidou Center, which opened in 1974.

In 1974, he also undertook one

of the most onerous tasks assigned to a museum official. When Picasso died in 1973, he left no will, and the estate, although expected to be very founding director of the Picasso large, turned out to be so enormous Museum in Paris, died of cancer as almost to defy compilation.

In addition, Picasso was survived As a creative curator, a master of not only by his second wife, Jac-installation and the guardian of the queline, but by children and granddispersal that would have ruled out Mr. Bozo's entire working life even the notion of a Picasso Muse-

suaded the artist's heirs to agree to authority. In practice, the Congress a fair and rational distribution that anerely rubber-stamped decisions would be satisfactory to all parties. made by the Communist Party

Yeltsin Summons Regional Chiefs to Write Constitution

By Margaret Shapiro

Washington Post Service
MOSCOW — President Botis N. Yeltsin, bolstered by his solid victory in a referendum Sunday, threw a direct challenge at Russia's conservative parliament on Thursday by asking regional leaders to bypass the legislature and help formu-late a new Western-style constitu-

Mr. Yeltsin, declaring that Russia has "neither the time nor the strength" for more political battles, presented leaders of Russia's 88 semiautonomous republics and regions with his proposed constitu-tion to replace the Soviet-era charter now governing Russia.

He asked them to select their vention in late May or early June. Mr. Yeltsin's announcement that he would sidestep the parliament and forge ahead unilaterally with his own constitution, which would create a new legislature, provided the first sign of the Russian leader's post-referendum strategy for dealing with a debilitating power strug-

Lawmakers have curbed Mr. Yeltsin's powers, tried to impeach him and put the brakes on his reforms. But on April 25 a clear majority of Russian voters backed Mr. Yeltsin and his painful economic program while signaling their ex-treme dissatisfaction with the par-

Mr. Yeltsin's moves are certain to cause a protest in the parliament, which this week kept up its attack on Mr. Yeltsin and his programs despite the referendum's results. The parliament, elected in 1990 when the Communist Party still ruled, is dominated by former Communists, hard-line nationalists and centrists opposed to Mr. Yeltsin's free-market policies and pro-

Western foreign policy.
Russia's constitution, a muchamended remnant of the Soviet era, is at the heart of the political crisis. Adopted in 1978, it never envisioned a democratically elected president, giving power instead to a two-tiered legislative branch, in which the top tier, the Congress of disentangled the estate and per- People's Deputies, had supreme

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In the current democratic era the Congress has discovered its unintended power and used it against Mr. Yeltsin, Russia's first democratically elected president. In the last six mouths the deputies have amended the constitution dozens of times to reduce his powers and hamper his policies, creating an atmosphere of chaos and economic

Mr. Yeltsin had demanded the referendum as a way of resolving the crisis. In remarks clearly direc ed at his legislative adversaries, he made it clear that he believed that voters had resolved things in his favor. In the referendum, 58 per-cent of those who participated endorsed his rule. An even larger percentage backed new elections for the Congress, in effect a strong vote of no-confidence in the lawmakers.

Mr. Yeitsin said that the referendum had created an entirely new political situation in the country and for this reason it now needed to have a new constitution. "The one we have is an old one with patches stuck on, and it is pulling us backward," he said.

He added: "It must be brought home to everyone that the presi-dent and the policy of reform are all under the protection of the people from now on. Decisions which run counter to the popular will, whoever makes them, will not be implemented and are to be abol-

The legislature now must choose to support him and his policies, he said, or "they confront the popular will of the people."

Mr. Yeltsin's proposed constitution, which he gave to the regional officials during the Kremlin meeting, would set up a strong presidenrepublic with three equal nches of power.

It would create a new two-chamber legislature and climinate the Congress of People's Deputies altogether, leaving its members out of work and without their perks, such as guaranteed airplane scats and subsidized food in the Kremlin.

The new constitution would also enshrine the principle of private property, something with the Con-gress has balked at doing.

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China and Taiwan Lay Out a New Road

By Nicholas D. Kristof New York Times Service
SINGAPORE — Delegates

from China and Taiwan concluded the first high-level meeting they have ever held by signing four agreements Thursday, including one providing for a recolor disconnection. one providing for a regular dia-logue between the two former ad-

As dozens of strobe lights flashed, the septuagenarians who head the two delegations slowly signed copies which call for increased exchanges across the Taiwan Strait and closer cooperation in such areas as light-

ing crime.
For the first time, the two sides will now have a formal channel for communication, instead of the informal method used until the end of the 1970s - pounding the other side with artillery shells.

"This is a historic meeting in relations between the two sides," said Wang Daothan, the head of the Chinese delegation. "It is a crucial step for the future development of

His Taiwan counterpart, C.F. Koo, said: "Both sides have won." Still, a few details pointed to the huge gap that remains between the two sides. The Taiwan and China texts of each document were not even identical, Taiwan's copy being written in traditional Chinese char-acters and China's in the simplified characters used by the Commu-

Likewise, the year was left out for each side to fill in later. To China, this is 1993. To Taiwan, this is year 82; the island's calendar begins with the establishment of the Nationalist government upon the collapse of the Qing dynasty.

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ended in 1949 with the Communist

revolution and the Nationalist government forced to flee to Taiwan. While almost everyone regards the talks as a milestone, it is still unclear where the process now under way will lead.

One possibility is that the dia-logue will hasten economic integra-tion and lead sometime in the next century to reunification of Taiwan with mainland China. A rival interpretation is that these talks effec-tively confirm and consolidate a separate identity for Taiwan, leading ultimately to a proclamation by Taiwan that it is independent.

Two of the agreements signed were technical, concerning crossdelivery of registered letters and verification of official documents

issued by the other side. A third outlined a schedule for contacts between the organizations that each side has set up to act as a liaison to the other. The heads of the two organizations — Mr. Wang and Mr. Koo — will meet "as needed," while the deputy heads will meet every six months, and other officials at least every three mony. Several Taiwan legislators

Nor did the two sides manage to hold a joint news conference: instead, they held simultaneous and statement setting forth the topics they would like to deal with in the future. These include fighting competing sessions with the press. crime, repatriating illegal immi-The meeting was the first high-level encounter between the two sides since the Chinese civil war of exchanges across the Taiwan

> The principal negotiating difficulty was in economic areas. Taiwan wanted some kind of formal protection for Taiwan investors on the Chinese mainland, while China urged Taipei to permit direct shipping across the Taiwan Strait.

For now, Taiwan does not permit direct trade; all shipping and passenger flights are supposed to be routed through Hong Kong or a third country. Nevertheless, Tai-wan's exports to the mainland are booming. In just the first two months of this year, indirect two-way trade totaled \$1.17 billion, up 30 percent from a year ago. Cheyne J. Y. Chiu, a spokesman

talks were tough but generally cordial. He acknowledged, however, that the heads of the delegations relied mostly on formal presentations, without much give-and-take. Some unanticipated give-andtake did occur Thursday morning when a mainland official, Tang Shubei, arrived for the signing cere-

for the Taiwan side, said that the

The broadcast was the strongest indication so far that the faction was prepared to use force to disrupt the up-

First Apology for Apartheid Khmer Rouge Issues Call for De Klerk' Deeply Regrets' Abuses of Blacks A Showdown

Agence France-Presse CAPE TOWN - President Fre-BANGKOK — The Khmer Rouge called on Thursday for all-out "resistance" against the derik W. de Klerk apologized for Phnom Penh government less ted the loss of freedom and dignity than a month before UN-orgainflicted on blacks. nized elections in Cambodia.

Mr. de Klerk said apartheid, the The call came in a radio cornersione of the government's domestic policy since the National broadcast by the Khmer Rouge, which is boycorting the election scheduled for May 23 Party came into power in 1948, had deprived blacks of their potential to develop. The group, the backbone of the guerrilla alliance that fought Phnom Penh's Vict-"It was not our intention to de-

prive people of their rights and to cause misery." Mr. de Klerk said, "but eventually separate develop-ment and apartheid led to just that. nam-installed government during the Cambodian civil war, has also broken away from the peace process launched with the United Na-Insofar as that occurred, we deeply regret it." tions-brokered 1991 Paris ac-He cited the so-called pass laws. which were used to bar blacks from

cord.
"The entire Cambodian moving freely about the country, and the forced removal of blacks population and all Cambodian resistance forces must continfrom white areas, estimated by huue to struggle vigorously against the Vietnamese aggresman rights monitors to have involved more than 3 million people. sors and their puppets in "It effectively took away free-Phnom Penh to achieve total dom from people on the basis of race, it impaired the dignity of peo-ple, it impaired people's developvictory and full independence as soon as possible," the radio

ment," Mr. de Klerk said. defended the engineers of apart-

"They were not vicious men." he apartheid for the first time on said, "and there was a time when South Africa.

Thursday, saying he deeply regret- apartheid was enlightened, com- "I think Mr. Mandela has the pared with those policies practiced

by colonial powers."

But, he said, apartheid eventualturned into racial discrimination. The apartheid policy was two-pronged: segregation along racial lines in everyday life — including health, education, housing and public amenities — and the creation of "independent" black states into which blacks were forced, making them foreigners in "white"

South Africa. Asked whether his use of the term "deep regret" amounted to an apology, Mr. de Klerk said:

"Deep regret goes much further than just saying you are sorry. Deep regret says that if I could turn the clock back and if I could do anything about it. I would like to have avoided it. Yes, we say we are

Mr. de Klerk has previously refused to apologize for apartheid, which he began dismantling in February 1990 with the unbanning of the African National Congress At the same time Mr. de Klerk and the release from prison of Nel-

son Mandela, the ANC leader.

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typical qualifications, personal qualifications and qualities, ex-pected of people who fill high of-fice," Mr. de Klerk said.

But he said Mr. Mandela's African National Congress lacked the experience necessary to rule.

because of their adherence to com-munism," he said. "I think they need direction." interviewed separately on the same program, Mr. Mandela, the ANC president, said his movement was ready to govern the country it

has fought for almost 80 years to free from white rule. (Reuters, AFP)

Toll in Istanbul Blast at 26

ISTANBUL - Rescuers have pulled 26 bodies from under tons of refuse that poured down on shanty homes after a methane gas explo-sion in one of Istanbul's biggest rubbish dumps, the Anatolian news agency said Thursday. It said 13 people were missing. The blast on Wednesday buried more than a

months, Meetings will take place in from the opposition party unfurled China, Taiwan or a third location. The two sides also approved a dependence from the mainland. heid, including the policy's chief inventor, the former prime minister With CNN, Mr. de Klerk said that Hendrik Verwoerd, and said that Mr. Mandela had the personal coming election. dozen shanty homes. **REAL ESTATE MARKETPLACE** 1000 REAL ESTATE **REAL ESTATE** FOR SALE INVESTMENTS FOR SALE FOR SALE FOR SALE TO RENT/SHARE TO RENT/SHARE TO RENT/SHARE TO RENT/SHARE ORESON COAST USA investment/ cheelogeant opportunity. 185 acres of coontroot forest, 25 owns soned full service resont. Hos green card poten-fiel Really Executives, J.R. MacDonald, COM, Sox 25052, Hornalds, 14 95255 USA, FAX, 908-227-1840, Presipich only, Member Int'l Section - NAR. 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Forge a UN Consensus

President Bill Clinton's problems down to a precise phrase. The arguments of those who want him to bomb the Serbs are "hauntingly familiar" reminders of Vietnam. Senator Érnest Hollings of South Carolina made a telling point, too. The Reagan administration's eagerness to bomb the Bekaa valley and inject U.S. Marines into the chaos of Lebanon led to a disastrous loss of life.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher advanced a wise formula. There should be no American military action in the Balkans without a clear goal, a likelihood of success and a plan for getting out. Finally, he said, there must be public support.

All these comments were produced by a fruitful debate begun by Mr. Clinton. He has come under enormous pressure from those who, for very sound humanitarian reasons, have urged him to launch air strikes against Serbian artillery and supply lines. But that is an impulsive reaction that fails the Christopher test. Those who advocate air strikes need to think past the first bomb.

Isolated air strikes or even a long series of them will force the Bosnian Serbian army to hunker down for a while, but then what? There can be no realistic expectation that such strikes will be "surgical." Such nonmilitary targets as houses and field hospitals will surely be hit, military ones like mortars will surely be missed. And what if the Serbian army, instead of being cowed, launches an all-out infantry attack on Sre-brenica and other Muslim towns? Is the United States prepared to have its airplanes try to shoot that army on the ground or to put its own army in the field?

On this last point, the healthy public dialogue and congressional consultations have shown there is no public or congressional support for ground combat by U.S. troops, because the country does not believe a vital American interest is at stake in this historically rooted conflict. Even on humanitarian grounds, there is so far no strong public demand for air strikes, nor a majority in the Congress for them.

Yet the public discussion of force has helped protect innocent lives in Bosnia's besieged cities. In response to Mr. Clinton's threat of a "stronger policy," Bosnian Serbs and their sponsors in Belgrade are observing a de facto cease-fire, giving Mr. Christopher a chance to use his trip to Europe next week for an encircling diplomatic offensive. In London and Paris, there is now at least

a half-hearted willingness to follow an American lead into more muscular baryaining. In Moscow, a reinforced Yeltsin government has warned Belgrade that Russia will no longer defend its traditional Serbian ally from the consequences of further interna-tional defiance. And at the United Nations. the normally quiescent nonpermanent mem-bers of the Security Council are pressing strongly to declare the surrounded cities internationally protected areas, backed by a

threat of military enforcement if necessary.

Mr. Christopher's objective should be an international ultimatum to Belgrade: Refrain from shelling population centers or risk military consequences. Bosnian Serbian forces should be required either to withdraw their heavy artillery from urban perimeters or turn them over to UN control. This toughminded new consensus should then be embodied in a new Security Council resolution, backed up by the military enforcement lan-

guage of Chapter 7 of the UN Charter. Perhaps Mr. Clinton can be faulted for moving too deliberately. But even well-meaning proponents of force, such as Sena-tor Joseph Biden, have failed to define what steps would follow air strikes that many experts believe would offer neither surgical

neatness nor lasting effect.

The answer to deadly "ethnic cleansing" is not the risk of death for Americans sent into foreign conflict with no purpose, no plan and no foundation of support at home. The answer may lie in threat-backed diplomacy that enlists the traditional European allies and the Russians in a campaign of relentless pressure on Belgrade and the Bosnian Serbs. Only Mr. Clinton can make that happen.

— THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Let Yeltsin Try the Constitutional Road

N EW YORK — Following his victory at the poils, President Boris Yeltsin seems to be doing a very smart thing. He's giving the surly parliament, dominated by ex-Communists, a chance to negotiate its own suicide — before he tries to kill it outright.

"If there is a one-in-a-thousand chance that

the present deputies will accept the referendum results and take this path of constitutional re-

form, [we] are obliged to give them this chance," was how Deputy Prime Minister Sergei Shakhrai explained step one. Then came the twist into step two: "I'm not saying it will necessarily work." Such a strategy preserves constitutional niceties, which many Russians will appreciate. It also goes down well with Americans, forever finicky about legalities. And it leaves parliamentary hard-liners

worrying whether Mr. Yeltsin now actually has the power to override them, if push comes to shove. Many Yeltsin loyalists and key U.S. Russian experts, however, do not like the two-step strategy. They want him to act right away on the mandate given by a solid majority of voters in Sunday's referendums — to dump the old Soviet Constitution, hold new elections, get rid of the existing parliament and go full speed ahead with

While Mr. Yeltsin should resist these all-inone-step advocates, he ought to keep their arguments very much in mind.

"The votes were somewhere between a re-prieve and a mandate," argued Michael Mandelpaum, a Clinton adviser on Russia. "But Yeltsin has to treat it as a mandate and take decisive action now. The situation in Russia will get worse in any event, and if he hoards his power, it

The thinking of one Russian expert, Stephen Sestanovich, followed similar lines. "Yeltsin should overcome his democratic nature and capitalize quickly on the vote," said the former adviser to President Ronald Reagan. "If not, he'll be back to where he was months ago — in a deadend bargaining process with parliament and steadily losing power."

They are right to warn Mr. Yeltsin about getting trapped in another unseemly slugfest and stalemate with parliament. They are also right to urge him to move swiftly and not get trapped in an endless bargaining process.

But they are wrong to be quite so impatient, and to skip the chance to persuade parliament to go along with its own demise. Obviously it would be better for a nation

By Leslie H. Gelb

struggling to establish constitutional norms to follow the law. And the law, albeit the old Soviet one, does require parliamentary consent to change the constitution and hold snap elections.

What is more, it might actually be possible to gather the necessary majority to change the sys-tem legally. Parliament contains many former Yeltsimites who favor reforms but felt Mr. Yeltsin was going too fast. These reformers must have been impressed by Sunday's vote and could be brought back into Mr. Yeltsin's fold. And he needs them to forge a future ruling majority—whatever this hard-line parliament decides to do.

Many anti-Yeltsin conservatives may be tempted to cut a deal to keep their seats in the next parliament. A new constitution will have to establish new voting procedures, and Mr. Yeltsin

can use that bait to strike a bargain. Mr. Yeltsin, his old reform allies and some conservatives should also seek common ground on basic policy. Russia requires revolutionary change, but Russian history and culture call for a period of adjustment. These are contradictory notions, but unless Russian leaders manage the contradiction, they will face endless political

deadlock — and perhaps revolutionary violence.

Clinton officials are well aware of the contradictions and pitfalls. And they are wisely keeping their advice to themselves. "Yeltsin understands Russian politics better than we do," one said.
"And our main job now is to deliver the billions in aid we promised him."

It is not clear whether promises of Western aid helped President Yeltsin in the referendums. But

To actually receive the aid, Mr. Yeltsin would do well to exhaust all reasonable paths to constitutional change. After that, Russians and Americans alike will be ready for him to lower the

people's boom on parliament The New York Times.



Stay the Invisible Hand

Japanese politicians angrily blame Presi-dent Bill Clinton for the painful rise in the yen's exchange rate against the dollar. It is lowing question: How come the Japanese making Japanese exports to America more expensive and harder to sell. But Mr. Clinton is not the culprit this time. It is Adam Smith.

Japan continues to run a gigantic trade surplus, by far the largest in the world. It can be sustained only as long as Japanese banks and investors export an equal flow of capital, in effect lending their customers the money to keep buying. Because of the Japa-nese economy's troubles, that financing is now faltering. The rise of the yen is the automatic result: the work of the invisible hand that Adam Smith explained to the world two centuries ago.

By unwisely persisting in running gigan-tic surpluses, Japan has made itself vulnerable to the risk of an exploding currency. Further rises, under these circumstances, may be difficult to avoid.

and do what it can to help Japan avoid them, not stand back and cheer for a higher yen. Mr. Clinton said the other day that a of the forces at work to reduce both Japan's would make a poor Treasury secretary. trade surplus and America's trade deficit.

All American presidents since Franklin

Delano Roosevelt have had their reputa-

hundred days." The hundred days test is,

of course, fundamentally silly. As Arthur

Schlesinger pointed out recently on the

Op-Ed page of The New York Times, Mr.

Roosevelt assumed office at a time of such

calamity that the Congress "dared not say

him nay." No president since has faced

to forget some of Bill Clinton's first hun-

dred days, can ignore it. To mark the

occasion, Mr. Clinton's public-relations apparatus churned out a little pamphlet called "Season of America's Renewal," the

title lifted from the president's hopeful address to Congress in February. The Re-

publicans responded with a less flattering exegesis, "On the Wrong Track."

The hundred days tag, according to most accounts, was invented by newspapermen, who compared Mr. Rooseveit's domination of Washington in the spring of

1933 to another 100-day period embracing

Napoleon's escape from exile, his army's triumphant sweep across France and his

shattering defeat at Waterloo. Democrats

like to recall the triumph; Republicans

The truth of Mr. Clinton's hundred days

is rather more provisional. There have

been several large accomplishments. He steered his \$1.5 trillion budget outline

through Congress in record time, and re-

sponded boldly and generously to Presi-

dent Boris Yeltsin's cry for help. There

also have been less dramatic gestures that

nevertheless bespeak a kinder, gentler and

less ideological administration, including

the family-leave bill and the dismantling of

the Reagan-Bush restrictions on abortion.

enjoy the Waterloo bit.

Yet so durable is the standard that not even the White House, which might prefer

a comparable crisis.

telling him, he ought to ask them the foltrade surplus has grown steadily over the past two decades, in which the yen has risen spectacularly against the dollar? A more expensive yen is, in fact, no guarantee at all of more American exports and fewer Japanese imports. In the mid-1980s. the Reagan administration engineered a rapid rise in the yen precisely to head off a surge of Japanese imports in the United States. In three years, the price of the yen, in dollars, doubled. In those same three years, the Japanese trade surplus also doubled.

The yen-dollar exchange rate is one of the world's most influential prices, affecting hundreds of billions of dollars' worth of commerce every year. The American interest lies in a predictable rate that moves slowly. Markets, following their own blind logic, typically overreact and, left to their two governments have a responsibility to work together to get the slide under control. While Adam Smith was marvelously good rising exchange rate was the most powerful at explaining the way markets work, he

— THE WASHINGTON POST.

There have also been many missteps,

beginning with his snakebit search for an

age. One result has been a flurry of articles

bemoaning a lack of focus in the White

House and a general dulling of the sharp

sense of purpose that was outlined during

Mr. Clinton's campaign.
No less a loyalist than Leon Panetta.

director of the Office of Management and Budget, told reporters on Monday that Mr.

Clinton must do "a better job of picking

and choosing the battles he wants to go

through." Specifically, Mr. Panetta im-

plored the president to delay health-care

reform until the fall, and said that piling a

revolution in health care on top of every-

thing else, including new taxes on energy

and Social Security, could invite general legislative carnage and threaten the deficit-

reduction strategy on which Mr. Clinton has staked his presidency.

hand by Donna Shalala, secretary of health

and human services; the president's wife and health-care expert. Hillary Rodham

Clinton; and then by the president himself. Their view is that health-care reform is an

essential component of any serious deficit

reduction strategy, and they may be right.

Even so, Mr. Panetta is hardly alone in his

belief that Mr. Clinton, a noted trencher-man, may have heaped far too much on his

plate at this early stage.

Mr. Clinton won the election in part

because he focused on one message ("It's

the economy, stupid"), despite his policy-

wonk tendency to move in a thousand di-

rections at once. It is still early, and a

hundred days really do not mean all that

much. But one lesson he can learn from his

slump in Washington and at the polls is not

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

to confuse motion with progress.

Mr. Panetta's advice was rejected out of

100 Days, 1,000 Motions

tions stretched or shortened by a Procrus-tean journalistic device known as the "first

The Suffering in the Balkans Will Change Us All

ATHENS — "Europe whole and free." Western leaders intered that pledge, or ambition, when the Iron Curtain was torn down. Three years later the word "Europe" is again a place name instead of the expression of a destiny. Europe after

communism is neither whole nor to-War in the Balkans and a biting recession, which many Europeans (wrongly) blame on the European Community's plans for increased economic and political integration, have combined to create a springtime of difficulty and disillusion. The darker sides of Europe's many identi-

ties have reasserted themselves. A new line of division has been traced on the continent by the wars of ex-Yugoslavia, which have again transformed the Balkans into the world's tinderbox. Europe's failure to halt the atrocities being committed in Bosnia or to resolve the unfinished war between Croatia and Serbia casts this region into a geographic and psy-

chological limbo. To be on the wrong side of the line is a terrifying and degrading experi-ence, reports the Croatian writer Sla-venka Drakulic: "The myth of Eu-rope, of our belonging to the European family and culture, even as poor relations, is gone. We have been left alone with our newly won independence, our new states, new symbols, new autocratic leaders, but with no democracy at all. We are left standing on a soil slippery with blood, engulfed in a war that will go on for God knows how long."

Ms. Drakulic's intensely personal view of war and of the societal madness that led to the bloody breakup of Yugoslavia has just been published in America under the title "The Balkan Express." She sketches in painstaking detail "the other, less visible side of the war, the way it changes us slowly from within ... until one can scarcely rec-

ognize oneself any longer."
War "pushes you to the painful point where you are forced to realize and acknowledge the way you particularly to the painful point where you are forced to realize and acknowledge the way you particularly to the painful ipate in it, become its accomplice" even though you have no direct role in the fighting. She writes of herself and her neighbors. But Ms. Drakulic's words apply to all of us. We look

By Jim Hoagland

"slowly from within" as long-oppressed European tribes slaughter each other with abandon. The family of nations has abandoned one of its own in a forest full of wolves. How far this process has gone was

suggested to me the other day by separate conversations with two se-nior European officials whose responsibilities include the Balkans. sponsibilities include the balkans.

One spoke darkly of potential "disasters" posed by U.S. and West European intervention: "We are on the verge of doing something that we know will not work but we feel we have to do because of public opinion.

We will live to regret such action." The other official was just as frus-trated and full of anguish; he had concluded that the Clinton ad tration had no intention of leading NATO forces into Bosnia. "History

Both of these men played key roles in Western strategy at the end of the Cold War and should still be huxuriating in that accomplishment. But they have been deeply affected, and chastened, by their involvement with the Balkan crisis.

European self-confidence has been hit hard as well by the deepening German recession, aggravated by the enormous financial transfers Bom makes to the population of former East Germany. In the other former Communist dictatorships of the East, economic hardship and the lack of access for their goods to Western markets

create a new sense of isolation. Listen carefully to European diplomats, businessmen and academics todav. add vou will ally mean the 12 prosperous industrial democracies of the European Community when they use the

word "Europe." They could once speak of "Western Europe" without being self-conscious, when that phrase distinguished them from the enslaved peoples to the east.

But today Europe is embarrassed to be divided into rich and poor, rather than free and enslaved. There is a Balkan subdivision where the

is a Balkan subdivision where the people have in effect been told, according to Slavenka Drakulic: "You are not Europeans, not even Eastern Europeans. You are Balkans, mythological, wild, dangerous Balkans, Kill yourselves, if that is your pleasure."

The European family of nations has abandoned one of its own in a forest full of wolves. Americans have been obliged to look on in horror. There were good reasons, of course. There always are when others.

that their suffering will not change all of us slowly, from within.

The Washington Post

Nervous Europe, an Eye on the Sharks

LONDON — If Europe had its own foreign policy, yet another disaster in the Balkans might not now be

By Alexander MacLeod along with Mr. Clinton's plan for a "no-fly" zone in Bosnia.

There is a lack of logic and a surfeit in the making. But it has no such policy, and the disaster looms.

Instead of giving Bill Clinton the benefit of their collective views on blocking Serbian supply lines and arming Bosnian Muslims, the Europeans shuffle nervously.

True, a couple of European govern-ments are edging toward support for Mr. Clinton's inclination to "do something" in Bosnia. But soul-searching in London and Paris merely underlines Europe's failure to reach an agreed approach to a European problem.

Under U.S. pressure to order his air force into action in Bosnia, Prime Minister John Major looks like a man being nudged toward a pool full of sharks. President François Mitterrand, too, seems to be moving edgily toward ordering planes into action. The British and French leaders know that jumping into a shark pool, or even waving a limb near water's edge, is a perilous matter. But because a supposedly uniting Europe has failed to develop anything like a common foreign policy, those of its states

with the weaponry to intervene in Bos-nia are vulnerable to U.S. pressures. There is great irony here. If the Maastricht treaty means anything, other members of the European Community should be sharing the dilemma over Bosnia, and formulat-ing unified responses. Yet it is Britain, supposedly the EC's black sheep, that Mr. Clinton now turns to.

Mr. Major and his cabinet are not moving forward without an intellectual struggle. Douglas Hurd, the for-eign secretary, said April 18 that he had yet to see a military plan suggest-ing that air attacks on Serbian positions would be anything but counter-productive, risking civilian lives and threatening the United Nations humanitarian effort. He was equally du-bious about arming the Muslims. But sources in the Major govern-

ment were meanwhile preparing the ground for a switch of direction —we are witnessing a replay of Britain's handwringing before it agreed to go

of pusillanimity about Europe's failure over Serbian aggression. When communism collapsed, the main rea-son for the U.S. commitment to Enrope - to discourage Soviet aggression — was called into question. It was reasonable for America to expect Europeans to accept that in this new game they would be major players in matters of their own direct concern.

But in the Balkan crisis, they have chosen to stay on the sidelines. U.S. national security is only marginally affected by events in Bosnia. Mr. Clinton finds himself being sucked into the vacuum created by Europe's failure, but he does not want to go it alone.

If the Europeans could only get their act together, they would be able to tell Mr. Clinton one of two things.

They could say that bombing the Serbs makes sense and decide on con-certed action with their American ally. Or they could decide — together — that such a policy probably contains the seeds of a disaster worse than the one it seeks to address, and urge the president to back off. But no, on an issue on which Eu-

rope ought to be speaking with a clear, united voice, its tongue is once again tied. The writer is a free-lance journalist

and presenter of the BBC public affairs program "The World Tonight." He contributed this comment to the Inter-national Herald Tribune.

Find a Way To Uncover The Killers

By Flora Lewis

MONTREUX, Switzerland — What Cornelio Sommaruga, president of the International Red Cross, calls "the new form of genocross, calls "the new form of geno-cide" may be attached to a harmless looking bit of blue or green plastic that resembles a butterfly. He is talk-ing about land mines, an old, often simple device that has proliferated around the world to create a grave epidemic of deaths and casualties. The Red Cross, at a conference

here to focus attention on the plague, estimated there are more than 100 million mines lying in 37 countries, and another 100 million in stock. They are not only killing and maining thousands every month, they prolong destruction long after wars end. They may lie active in the ground 50 years. As one expert said, a child can be victim of a mine laid by his grand-

father. They undercut relief efforts, blocking access and denying subsistence to refugees who would go home and earn their living on the land again. Anti-personnel mines are indeed an indiscriminate weapon of terror. The Red Cross would like international conventions amended to ban

the production, export and use of mines, as they have banned dumdum bullets and chemical warfare. It is a good thought, worth an effort, but it won't help soon. Mines are cheap to make, some cost less than \$1. Thirty-five countries make and sell them, with China the leading exporter, but guernilla and insurgent forces that

do not sign international conventions can also produce their own. High-tech varieties have been introduced in recent years, but antimine technology remains primitive, slow and expensive. In Afghanistan, where some 10 million mines are planted, it is estimated that the cost of finding and removing one is \$2,000 and that at the present rate it would

take 4,300 years to clear them all.

The best mine detectors now available are trained dogs, which obviously cannot be deployed at anything more than the timest fraction of the need. Standard procedure is for men to crawl along on their bellies with prods, so that the upward and outward explosion misses them.

Dirty work. And yet, people are willing to do it and other people, mostly former military men, are do-ing their best to find a better way. They have not got very far for lack of

research money.
I asked Brian Halliwell of Britain's Royal Ordnance how much and how long he thought it would take to make a cost-effective sniffer device, work-ing on the principle of dogs. It seems the best bet, since it reacts to the odor of explosive and does not depend on detecting metal. Many mines now are plastic, or have a minimum of metal, but they cannot fully contain faint

vapor from their explosives. He said \$10 million, maybe a year or two. That would not buy you a figurer plane. "With time and money, we could solve any of these problems" he told me. But there is not enough interest - yet.

Mine-clearing has traditionally been a military concern. But clearing a road with specially adapted tanks or bulldozers is very different from clear-ing a field for fameers or a mountain trail for shepherds and children. Britam simply gave up after the Falklands War, marking large uncleared areas. That will not do for whole regions, like Cambodia, Iraq, Iran, Guatemala, Mozambique, Somalia.

Just last week, a UN food relief

plane was shot down in Angola and the pilot successfully crash-landed, but in a mine field. He died after he stepped out of the plane. Some 800,000 mines have been planted in Yugoslavia, and some are cleared, but 60,000 more are being laid each week. In an age of so much weapons sophistication, new technologies could be adapted to fight this faceless attack on innocents. Lord Judd, for-mer British defense minister, says that 50 percent of World War II casualties were civilians. They are 90 percent of current war victims.

The British military engineer Alistair Craib, an earnest, matter-of-fact humanitarian, speaks of ground-penetrating radar and infrared imaging as well as sniffers now under study.

But there isn't a concerted will or adequate coordination of research. The UN has named its first demining expert, Patrick Blagden. He needs a little money and support. In Churchill's words about the Battle of Britain, here is a time when so few can do so much for so many. It is fine to feed the mained who cannot care for themselves, and distribute prostheses to some. It would be much better to find a way to get rid of the mines.

O Flora Lewis. IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1893: No Royal Nod LONDON - All the efforts of the

American authorities to secure the attendance at Chicago of a member of the British Royal Family — and there have been many — have, I hear, been unsuccessful. The last was a request urgently conveyed to Princess Christian, as president of the British Committee of the Women's Section at the World's Fair, but this also was declined in kindly but unmistakable fashion. From the first the Queen was very averse to the idea, and there is no probability that it will be entertained

1918: Russian Rumors

COPENHAGEN - During the last few days no telegrams have been received from Petrograd, but rumors via Finland tell of serious riots having taken place in there. It is even suggested that a counter-revolution has broken out. It is certain that the transport of Russians from Finland

was stopped three days ago. This was due to the riots in Petrograd. The Swedish Aftonblader states that it is persistently rumored that Grand Duke Alexis Nikolaievich, the ex-Tsarevich, has been proclaimed Emperor, while Grand Duke Michael lexandrovich is provisionally made the real leader of Russian affairs.

1943: Report for Prison

LONDON - [From our New York edition:] Germany plans to return all former Dutch soldiers, some 400,000 men to war-prison camps in the near future because of "particular difficul-ties which justify the measure," the Berlin radio said tonight [April 29]. All members of the Netherlands armed forces who were freed following their internment during the German occupation of Holland in May.
1940, have been ordered to "teport" to the Nazi occupation authorities, the broadcast said, adding: "Nothing is known about the time of their actial return to war prisoner camps."

For a Fair and Thriving South Africa By Robert H. Phinny

P ALM SPRINGS, California — South Africa cannot permit violence by a few radicals to block progress toward elections. Pretoria should move quickly to set a date for elections and then draft a new constitution to reverse the country's South Africa's economic future

bursts with opportunity. For now, investments from abroad remain suspended, but Coca-Cola, Kodak and automakers are making plans. In the last 18 months, 16 major U.S. corporations have either opened offices staffed by American personnel or set up subsidiaries in South Africa. Visa International, Lons Development and Cummings Engineering, which withdrew in the mid-1980s, have set their return.

The economic impact of positive developments will drive up the standard of living for all. The first winners will be black workers, among whom the jobless rate is 40 percent. Along with new jobs would come more tax revenue and a chance to reduce the national debt. The former U.S. ambassador to

the United Nations, Andrew Young, has said that big and small

companies will establish operations

in South Africa "when the time is

right." That will be when sanctions

are lifted and relative political sta-bility comes, coupled with a free market economy and a strong interest by the new government in mini-mizing nationalization of industry. (The current government is proceeding with its privatization program.

Armaments Corp. of South Africa. the Development Bank of Southern Africa and South African Iron & Steel Corp. are good examples.)

"When the time is right," com-munications will have been established between government, labor and capital. Housing Minister Sam de Beer has met with the Building Industries Federation to work out a plan to create 800,000 new jobs in the next three to five years. In an important step, the govern-

ment has stated its intention to put its own economic house in order. The finance minister and minister of trade and industry, Derek Keys, has set up a model using minimum reliance on foreign investments and emphasizing strict reserve bank policies to control inflation.

These policies must parallel a depoliticization of the economy for the benefit of all South Africans. The United States played a major part in seeking sanctions against South Africa, contributing to un-employment of blacks. The U.S. government can now be expected to receive requests for large amounts of financial aid. There is other encouraging for-eign economic activity in South Af-

rica: China has spent 9 million rand (\$2.8 million) on an office block. Russian light passenger aircraft will be assembled in the country. A commercial office to represent the Gulf Cooperation Council and member states will be opened this year, the Oman International Bank says. Thailand has signed an air service agreement with Pretoria. Trade with Germany has increased sharply. South African wine and fruit made record sales increases over 1991. And tourism last year rose an exceptional 25.8 percent.
Nelson Mandela and Frederik de

Klerk have repeatedly cited the ur-gency of elections. And a healthy economy must be established if the black standard of living is to be improved. The path ahead is clear.

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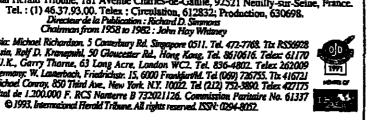
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The UN Is Losing in Cambodia

T ONDON - International despair over the impotence of the United Nations in Bosnia has distracted attention from the flouting of UN authority in Cambodia.

The violent challenge by the Khmer Rouge to the Paris peace agreement of October 1991 has not, so far, matched the scale of Serbian bloodletting. But their murderous record and ferocious opposition to a political settlement

through elections promises a re-turn to full-scale civil war. Yasushi Akashi, the head of the UN peacekeeping operation in Cambodia, has admonished the Khmer Rouge, warning them of iso-lation, condemnation and "even responsibility of UNTAC is to en-worse" if they disrupt elections set sure a neutral political environment for late May. Unfortunately, Mr. Akashi does not have the military means to compel the Khmer Rouge and other Cambodian factions to

respect the Paris accords. Part of the difficulty is that the UN Transitional Authority in ing the warring factions. But the Cambodia, which is responsible for Khmer Rouge refused to disarm, implementing the agreement, lacks

By Michael Leifer

as opposed to peacekeeping. The distinction is quite fundamental. The latter undertaking assumes a predisposition by warring parties to welcome a peace that the United Nations then keeps by deploying a military presence, not by engaging in armed action.

The Cambodian operation is the most ambitious of its kind ever mounted by the United Nations. It involves 22,000 military and civilian personnel at a cost of \$2 billion, But the peacekeeping role is essentially an administrative one. The prime conducive to free and fair elections and national reconciliation.

UN forces in Cambodia are lightly armed. They have been charged with policing a cease-fire and with disarming and demobilizand in the absence of such coopera mandate for peace enforcement ation the Security Council is faced

with either having its authority floured or agreeing to the kind of counterinsurgency campaign that drew the United States into the

quagmire of Vietnam.

The problem of mandate is more than a matter of extending UN-TAC's powers. At issue is the willingness of members of the international community to bear the human and material costs of intervening to confront a well-armed and -organized adversary on its own terrain. The Australian and Japanese governments have indicated that they would withdraw their contingents in the event of an all-out attack by the Khmer Rouge.

Moreover, even if peace enforcement in Cambodia gained international support, it would be very different from the kind of UNsanctioned operation that was used against Iraq. Operation Desert Storm took place in very different circumstances than those in the jungles of Cambodia.

In the case of Kuwait, the United States was prepared to take the lead under the aegis of the United Na-



challenge. UNTAC cannot meet tions and bring its great military such a challenge, despite its power to bear with coalition partachievements in repatriating refuners against the Iraqis because Western oil supplies and other stragees and registering voters. tegic interests were believed at stake. As in mountainous Bosnia,

tention and limited resources.

Although the United Nations

made the commitment some

months ago to hold elections in

Cambodia, since then the Khmer

Rouge have demonstrated a fierce

determination to frustrate the exer-

cise. They have asserted that the

polls will only advance the interests of the Vietnamese-installed

government in Phnom Penh. That

government has indulged in politi-

cal violence against its electoral op-ponents, although it has not at-

tracted the same adverse publicity

The killing of Vietnamese residents and Cambodian villagers by

the Khmer Rouge has given way to

cold-blooded fatal attacks on UN

personnel. The recent withdrawal

suggesting a new phase of military

as the Khmer Rouge.

The Paris agreement solved a problem among global and region-al powers, but not among Cambothe nascent civil war in Cambodia as. Its flawed premise was that does not lend itself to such a conthe Khmer Rouge had to be made a ventional military operation. There legitimate party to the accord to avoid a continuing civil war. Inis no strategic stake; only a humanitarian one competing with many others for the United Nations' atstead, the rebels appear bent on wrecking the settlement.

The United Nations could prevent this. But the problem with pleas for the world body to adopt an activist military role, whether in Bosnia or Cambodia, is the connected assumption that the United Nations embodies an international community spirit. It does so at times in certain circumstances but only when there is a clear convergence of interests among its more important members.

At other times, the United Nations is only the feeble sum of its diverse and discordant parts. This is a fundamental reason why the Cambodian conflict remains tragically problematic.

The writer, professor of interna-tional relations at the London of the Khmer Rouge delegation from their compound in Pinom Penh is an ominous development, School of Economics and Political Science, contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

Seven Languages and Tongue-tied

S INGAPORE — According to the tourist brochures, this island-state is a harmonious ethnic mix, chiefly of Chinese and Malays. As an American of Chinese descent, brought up in Ha-waii, I thought I would be in-

stantly at home.

I got lost, of course: I was on my first visit. Somewhere on Orchard Road, in the heart of the tourist shopping district. I paused to look at a street map and figure out where I was. A young Chinese woman approached me.

Great, I thought, here comes a native Singaporean to point me in the right direction.

"Excuse me." she said, "do you know where the Omni Marco Polo Hotel is?" She was Dutch, born in the Netherlands, and a newcomer like me. We were both lost. Together, we studied the map to plot the best routes to our destinations.

As we walked toward the city center, we chatted about our experiences as "overseas" Chinese. On sight, we are easily mistaken for Singaporeans by local Chinese, who form a large majority of the population. But try to engage us in Chinese conversation and the truth immediately becomes apparent. Our blank faces prompt disbeliel among Chinese Singaporeans that we do not speak the language.

They always make you feel

so stupid," the Chinese-Dutch woman remarked. I agreed. A few days before, an elderly Chinese taxi driver in Singa-

Chinese person! pore had scolded me for being unable to speak Chinese. He even told me that my simple clothing was not trendy enough

By Garrett Kam

for fashion-conscious Singapore. The driver then boasted about his two sons, who had been educated in Britain and were now successful local businessmen. Of

course, they spoke Chinese.
In his mind — and, I suspect, the minds of a great many other Chinese - language is the most important factor in retaining ethnic identity, no matter how

MEANWHILE globalized one's professional in-

terests are. As an Asian-American (1 prefer the generalities of this term to the specifics of Chinese-American), identifying with my heritage is limited to eating Chinese food and appreciating Chi-

nese art at a superficial level. I find Chinese culture fasci-nating and exotic, though I admit to a somewhat low tolerance

for Chinese opera. Ethnic expectations can create some odd and embarrassing situations. Sometimes I go to Chinese restaurants with a Caucasian friend. The waiter instinctively asks me in Chinese what we wish to order, but my blond, blue-eved companion fluent in Mandarin after years of study and living in China -

answers instead. The waiter's evident surprise and nervous laughter shows his true thought: What a stupid

Luckily, I have become immune to this kind of attitude and no longer find it offensive. What it does reflect is how much a person's ethnic identity is still

defined by language.

It is all a bit silly, when you think about it. I speak English as an American of Chinese ancestry. But I also have an Asian-Pacific upbringing, a result of Japanese, Korean, Filipino, Hawaiian and Samoan relatives, friends and neighbors.

In addition, my pursuit of Indonesian studies for nearly 20 years has led to knowledge of the Indonesian. Javanese, Balinese, Sanskrit and Dutch languages. In Singapore, a Malay taxi driver found my appearance and mannerisms similar enough for him to start a conversation in Malay, which I speak fluently.

I enjoyed the ride in his cab. We found we had much in common. There were none of the chiding remarks or awkward silences I encountered with Chinese drivers in Singapore.

I wondered why language was

still identified within such narrow definitions of nationalism and ethnicity. Perhaps it is that Singapore is so small.
Yet the Chinese form a large

majority of the population and should feel confident and tolerant toward others. All of us are, or should be, regarded as equals. No one should be made to feel inadequate for lacking an ethni-

cally specific language skill.

I dread to think what it would be like for me in Taiwan or China. Maybe it would be better to say that I am Burmese or Cambodian, instead of Chinese.

The writer, who is preparing a book on Balinese art, contributed this comment to the International

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Science vs. Religion

Regarding "Big Science Takes a Look Upstairs" (Opinion, April 10) by Bryan Appleyard:

The writer makes the classic mistake of expecting explanations from religious, although even the most superficial examination of the many religious "explanations" shows them to be pure babble arising from primitive man's ignorance and his fear of death and other unknowns. The only difference between religious and any of the helter-skelter superstitions is that reli-

gions are organized. The only function of a pure behef structure is to restrict investiga-tion. Religion, being a guided belief structure, has had other functions. in history, most of which have resulted in discrimination, persecu-

tion, slavery, torture and war. Sciences, such as physics and chemistry, having recently escaped most of the influences of religion, move forward at a sometimes terrifying pace. The so-called social sciences, forced to coexist with many religions, have been held in the Middle Ages, at best. The Muslim fundamentalists are not the only ones marching resolutely into the 15th century. The Catholics are making great strides. The Vatican, in the year of our Lord 1992, quietly admitted that Galileo was right.

JOE WILLIAMS. Düsseldorf.

Legacy of East Timor

With so many war zones in to-

cle ought to be corrected: the use of the term "separatist" to identify those East Timorese struggling for independence. As your correspondent says, East Timor, formerly a Portuguese colony, was invaded by the Indonesians, and the international community has never recog-

nized this act of aggression. "Separatism" implies a movement seeking to break away from Indonesia. The recent talks about East Timor between Portugal and Indonesia under UN auspices made no progress and you report that the parties agreed to continue a dia-logue on "confidence-building measures." In my view these measures should surely be the withdrawal of Indonesian troops from East Timor and the preparation of

to determine their own future. LIEM SOEI LIONG. Thornton Heath, England. The conflict that resulted from Indonesia's invasion of East Timor

a referendum among the Timorese

cannot be described as a "civil war." any more than one would have described resistance by Kuwaitis against the Iraqi Army as such. REED BRODY, Executive Director.

International Human Rights Law Group. Washington. The View From Haiti

Regarding "No Need to Worry About Haiti, Injustice Will Pre-vail" (Opinion, April 7):

Herbert Gold's main concern Regarding Repression as Legacy the Haitian political crisis, but a secret desire to punish or hurt the "light-skinned Haitians, army offiday's world, one tends to forget the cers, business people, professionals sufferings of the East Timorese. One of the sort who have traditionally error in your highly informative arti- grown rich in Haiti." Mr. Gold the French Republic.

Haitian is a sin in itself. How does he explain the Haitian government's almost desperate attempts to lift the U.S. embargo?

writes as if growing rich and being

Mr. Gold makes a blanket condemnation of those Haitians who dare to speak French, are civilized and hold their own against the badly disgnised racism and envy the white world harbors against them because they are black, or blackand-white, and too often more cultured and cultivated than the foreigners coming to play big-shot-inthe jungle around them.

PHILIPPE BRIERRE Port-au-Prince, Haitì.

An Assassin's Aim

Regarding "Sarajevo, a Year Later: Survival Is the Main Job" (April 7): The assassination of Archduke Ferdinand was not "simed at de-stroying a society," but at ending Austria-Hungary's rule over Bosnia, as well as over Croatia and Slovenia. TATJANA DRAGIC.

Imperial Oversight Regarding "Hinterland View: No

Choice but Yeltsin" (April 24): Your correspondent, impressed by the ankle-deep slime on Russian roads, expresses his "sympathy for Napoleon and his Republican Guard, floundering on the Smolensk Road." Since Napoleon was, as most people know, an emperor, I doubt that he would have been visionary enough to give his elite guard the

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which this information applies. The works comprise the construction, to dual carriage standard, of the existing mountainous road from Mbabane to Ezulwini, 7,8 km, and construction of a new two lane road with earth works for a dual carriage way with paved shoulders between Ezulwini and Matsapha, 18.5 km.

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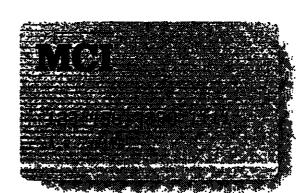
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'Summer Sounds: It's Festival Time

Summer means festivals. There are literally hundreds of music festivals around the world, with the highest concentration in Europe, and it can be mindboggling to choose one. Are you going strictly for the music, or should you also choose a good setting? Will the place be so swamped with people that you can't hear or see a thing? Will your kids be miserable and make you wish you'd stayed home? Here are some guidelines to finding the right festival from our music critics Mike Zwerin (jazz and pop) and David Stevens (classical).

By Mike Zwerin

 Avoid afternoon concerts — jazz is night music. The sun burns it out (dawn is ideal). If you must go, be sure to wear a pork-pie hat and

2. If you attend more than one festival, watch out for recycling. The same promoter spins off bands all over Europe to recoup trans-Atlantic transportation costs. You risk hearing the same

people playing the same licks.

3. Beware of "festival seating," which means no seats at all. To be able to see, let alone hear the music, get your place up front at least half

4. If you want to hear real jazz, study the program carefully before going. Rock, funk and technopop are sneaking into "jazz" festivals.

5. On the other hand, if you're going with your kids, choose festivals where rock, funk and

technopop have snuck in. Kids don't know any

6. If it's an outdoor festival, check out the weather forecast carefully. High winds and rain do not the creative spirit foster.

7. Be forewarned: Outdoor festivals often lack proper "facilities.

8. Never go to more than two jazz festivals in a row. Hearing too much music you love can be bad for the digestion.

 Do not support "cultural cleansing." Avoid festivals with themes like "Euro," "traditional" or "avant-garde." Without variety, a s jazz festival is not a jazz festival.

10. Avoid festivals featuring "all-star jam sessions." That's a euphemism for lack of planning and total anarchy.
(Note for musicians: Never play a jam ses-

sion with a guy called Hot Lips.)

By David Stevens

ational Herald Tribune

1. No plans made? Take a chance. With determination and stamina, there's no such thing as sold out. Exception: Bayreuth, where if you don't have a ticket for Wagner there is nothing to do but consume beer and bratwurst.

2. Tradition counts. Most festivals are postwar creations, but some have a longer history: Bayreuth, purveyor of Wagner for more than a century; Munich, Wagner's second home, but also Mozart's and Strauss'; Salzburg, Mozart, of course, but much more, founded in 1920; Florence, the Maggio Musicale, since the '30s, an operatic revival in the city of art; Lucerne, founded in the late '30s as a musical refuge from gathering war clouds.

3. France has at least 200 "festivals," most of them inventions of artists' managers trying to keep their clients busy in the summer, or of château owners in search of visitors. Caveat

 For opera in vast surroundings, with huge crowds — and good acoustics — think of the Verona Arena in Italy or the Roman Theatre Antique in Orange, in Provence.

For opera in minuscule surroundings, think of the 18th-century Baroque-Rococo the-aters at Drottningholm, near Stockholm; the Cuvilliès Theater in Munich; Schwetzingen, near Mannheim in Germany (where the festival coincides with Europe's greatest asparagus market); the Theatre Gabriel at Versailles; the Estates (Tyl) Theater in Prague, where Mozart conducted his own operas, and (oldest of all) the Teatro Caio Melisso in Spoleto.

6. For piano freaks, the festival at La Roque d'Antheron in Provence in August is all key-

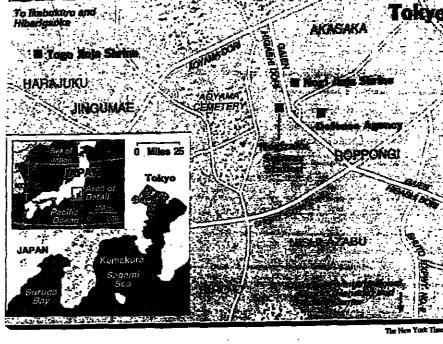


7. For addicts of a particular composer: besides Bayreuth and Wagner, there are Aldeburgh and Britten, Pesaro and Rossini, Linz and Bruckner, Bergen and Grieg, Lockenhaus (near Bregenz) and its Schubertiades.

8. For oenophiles, Bordeaux's Mai Musical is close to the great Médoc châteaux. Beaune's Festival of Baroque Music is in Burgmdy's wine capital, and Siena's Settimana Musicale is

Casinos and spas have discovered that music can add to their charms in Evian, Divonne-les-Bains, Arx-en-Provence, Monte Carlo and Wiesbaden, among others.

10. Big cities have their attractions. Berlin (September), Paris (Festival d'Automne, October-December), and Vienna (May-June) have a lot going on even if the festival programs leave you cold.



A Guide to Shopping For Tokyo Antiques

By Sherill A. Leonard

OKYO — Wedged between mod-ern office buildings and tucked away along Tokyo's back streets are treasures that the Japanese themselves rarely buy: antique furniture, pottery and fabrics in an array of styles and prices. The Japanese have not exactly turned their backs on the relics of their past, but prosperity, small residences and a taste for Western design have encouraged many to sell off the old family furnishings, such as tensu — the elaborate wooden chests used for storing kimonos and other valuables -

in favor of contemporary models.

Some dealers say it is harder than ever to find desirable antiques these days, and they are probably right. Prices for good tansu, the folding screens painted on silk or paper called byobu, and collectible Imari (colorful porcelain produced in southern Japan beginning in the 17th_century) have increased steadily. But many shops are full of smaller, decorative antiques and accessories at af-fordable prices that will satisfy all but the

most serious collector. Weekends are the best time to sample the markets, starting with "shrine sales" (sometimes called flea markets in English-lan-guage publications here) held on the grounds of some of Tokyo's most picturesque Shinto shrines. These open-air sales offer a mixed bag of treasures and junk, all displayed on blankets and bamboo mats. Prices are lower than in more formal settings, and the variety is tremendous. Sales take place at the Topo Jinja in the Harajuku area on the first and fourth Sundays of the month (telephone 3403-3591) and at the Nosi Jinja in the Roppongi area on the second Sunday of the

month (3402-2181). If you are Incky, your visit will coincide with the Heiwajima Antiques Fair, held six times a year in a vast convention center opposite the Ryutsu Center stop of the monorail line to Haneda Airport. Dozens of antiques dealers from around the country travel to Tokyo for the occasion. The next

fair will be held May 2, 3 and 4. For information, call 3980-8228. An excellent way to sample Tokyo's an-

tiones shops is to stroll through the city's Roppongi district. Roppongi is by night a neon-lighted scene of restaurants, bars and the leather-ciad under-30 set, and by day a bustling business district where antiques shops quietly coexist with the gleaning wealth of modern Japan.

The most common way to find stores and restaurants is to call ahead and ask for a map

to be faxed to your hotel.

Harumi Antiques (9-6-14 Akasaka, 3403-1043), sells antiques of varying quality at a range of prices, from the rustic style called mingei (folk art) to the more refined lacquerware and Imari. Look for small Imari plates and bowls (\$50 to \$150 apiece), dark-bamboo baskets (\$100 and up), tansu in different sizes (usually about \$1,000 and up) and a superior collection of abis (\$30 and up) stashed away in giant, old kitchen chests.

Kurofune (7-7-4 Roppongi, 3479-1552) has three floors of 200-year-old tansu in excellent condition, old maps. Imari plates, ulciyo-e (woodblock prints), aged baskets for ikebana flower arrangements and large blue and white ceramic hibachis out front. Prices are among the steepest in Tokyo (a dressersized tansu with fine metalwork from the Sendai region costs about \$6,000), but the quality is arguably the best.

Kathryn Milan antiques (3-1-14 Nishi Azabu, 3408-1532; open weekends or by appointment) sells tansu (an Edo-era Sendai tansu costs about \$5,000), the paneled screens called byobu, and hibachis (lacquer, bronze, ceramic and wooden), but she also carries hard-to-find decorative treasures, such as lamps made of old Chinese ginger jars for \$300 to \$500 and ranna (carved wooden panels mounted above sliding doors in tradidollars and up.

Okura Oriental Art (3-3-14 Azabudai, 585-5309), with a small, fine selection of tansu, lanterns and Japanese accessories. The antique Imari is of especially good quality. A small handpainted bowl may cost about \$200.

Sherill A. Leonard, who has lived for five years in Tokyo, wrote this for The New York Times.

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Following are some highlights of the Europe-

Aix-en-Provence Festival (tel: 42.17.34.00). July 11-28: Opera in the court-yard of the 18th-century archbishop's palace includes Mozart's "Don Giovanni," Weber's "Euryanthe" and Handel's "Orlando," along

with choral programs and vocal recitals.

• Aldeburgh Festival of Music and Arts
(tel: 453.543). June 11-27: A series of concerts with feature performances by Japanese composer Toru Takemitsu, Julian Bream on guitar and Benjamin Britten's opera "Owen Wingrave," conducted by Oliver Knussen.

In commemorating the 150th anniversary of the birth of Edvard Grieg, this festival fea-tures opera, ballet, theater and symphonic performances. Among the participants are the Norwegian National Ballet, the Prague Chamber Orchestra and the Royal Dramatic Theater of Stockholm.

• Berlin Festival Weeks (tel: 254.890). Aug. 31 to Sept. 30: Berlin's annual festival of the arts opens with the Berlin Staatskapelle under Daniel Barenboim. Other concerts are by the Berlin Philharmonic, the New Symphony Orchestra of Tokyo and the Kraków State Philharmonic.

• Estoril Music Festival (tel: 468.5607). July 3 to Aug. 7: Marking the 450th anniversary of the Portuguese arrival in Japan, this lestival leatures open-air jazz as well as solo, orchestral, choral, and chamber concerts.

● Chorégies d'Orange (tel: 90.43.24.24). July 17 to Aug. 7: Opera in the Roman Théatre Antique of this Provençal city. This year's program offers Verdi's "La Traviata" and "Otello."

to Sept. 12: The roster of conductors for this musical event includes Esa-Pekka Salonen. Miguel Gómez Martinez and Marek Janowski, among others.

• Maggio Musicale (tel: 277.9236). April 27 to June 27: Florence's operas this year include Bizet's "Carmen," Janacek's "Jenufa" and Mozart's "Magic Flute." The Vienna Philharmonic, the London Symphony and

the Orchestre de Paris give concerts, and a ballet program pays homage to Diaghilev with choreographies of Fokine and Nijinsky.

• Montreux Jazz Festival (tel: 963,1212). July 2-17: Jazz, jazz and more jazz with feature performances by Chris Isaak. Joe Henderson, Al Green, the Ray Brown Trio, Dee Dee Bridgewater and Fats Domino.

• Munich Opera Festival (tel: 49.89.21.85). July 1 to Aug. 7: This year's festival opens with a new production of Shostakovich's "Lady Macbeth of Mtsensk" with Hildegard Behrens in the title role, and "La Traviata" is Varady in the title role.

• North Sea Jazz Festival (tel: 361.7710). July 9,10,11: A weekend jazz festival featuring B. B. King, Wynton Marsalis, Oscar Peterson and Carlos Santana.

• Richard Wagner Festival (tel: 202.21). July 25 to Aug. 28: Bayreuth's new production is "Tristan und Isolde," staged by Heiner Müller and conducted by Daniel Barenboim.

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by Dee Dee Bridgewater in the title role in a new staging of "Carmen."

Schnittke's music drama "Zhivago," based on Pasternak, and Steve Reich's "The Cave."

Directed by Alan Spencer.

For anyone who has ever

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Welsh (Arye Gross), clerk ex-

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enjoys borrowing clothes and

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about town. This fantasy life

becomes dangerous when Mat-

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cidal, world-famous model.

Hexina. He has been threaten-

ing her with photos from the

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cer's screenplay is somewhat funnier than his direction;

there are a couple of dumb ho-

Directed by John Duigan,

This adaptation of the Jean

Rhys novel is a seriously exotic

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(Janet Mastin, NYT)

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Parker and Lombard in "Wide Sargasso Sea."

Gothic romance that is just as lean as the 1944 film adaptation of Charlotte Bronte's "Jane Eyre" was big and thunderously emotional. The Rhys novel, published in 1966, is the story of the mad first Mrs. Rochester. (Karina Lombard), the mysterious locked-up Creole heiress Antoinette whose existence almost wrecks the life of sweet, steadfast Jane Eyre. Taking the scant information on her in the Bronte tale, Rhys dared to imagine an earlier tale of love

and loss between Rochester and Antoinette that stands triumphantly on its own in hot, lush Jamaica. This is clearly not Bronte country. It is Jean Rhys country. This film is as cool, precise and hard as the Rhys prose. Nathaniel Parker, who plays Rochester, is exceptionally good in a difficult, shadow

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consider the prospects in six notrump. On the face of it, there are !! tricks and the declarer will need a winning diamond finesse to make

with the king, and clubs were card was known to be the spade played. West held up his ace until jack. the third round and led another spade, won with the queen. South ceshed the last chub and took three heart winners, leaving this position: NORTH **♦** A .: 0 A 4

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South cashed the spade ace, forcing West to part with a diamond. Then she cashed the diamond ace, led to the king and made the slam. There was no temptation to finesse The opening spade lead was won at the 12th trick, since East's last

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the patient a teen-age boy who has been suffering terrible headaches. The surgeon removes a portion of the skull to reveal the cause of the problem: embedded in the boy's brain are an eye and two fully developed teeth, one of which has a slight cavity. The eye and the teeth are all that remain of the patient's undeveloped twin, absorbed by the stronger fetus when the two were in their mother's womb. The story moves forward 23 vears as George A. Romero does a funny and horrific screen adaptation of Stephen King's 1989 novel "The Dark Half." It is an exceptionally entertaining film.

(Vincent Canby, NYT) Bodles, Rest and Motion Directed by Michael Stein-

berg, U.S.

Every generation spends a while in the navel observatory before learning that it's a shallow, lint-clogged pursuit. Bridget Fonda, Eric Stoltz, Phoebe Cates and Tim Roth do the honors for the post-yappies in this uneven, uneventful get-alife movie set in a desert community. Roger Hedden based this blabby play-turned-movie on his own post-collegial mal-aise and confusion states that he and the director have captured all too well.

(Rita Kempley, WP)

Great moments in jurisprudence: A woman called

Cynthia Albritton, who made plaster casts of rock stars' genitalia n the late 1960s, was awarded \$10,000 damages by a Los Angeles court for being denied the chance to display her "works." Renters tells us she sued a music publisher for \$1 million because he would not return the casts, which she had given to him for safekeeping. The court also ordered their return to Albritton. Can't wait for the ngat installment,

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Profiting From Europe's Business-Fare Wars

By Roger Collis tional Herald Tribune

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T EVE finally made the dam burst quite dramati-cally," says Sir Michael Bishop, chairman of British Midland. "About five million people a year traveling business class through Heath-row have suddenly got lower fares. That is

The Frequent Traveler

because other airlines have cut fares by a quarter to match ours on our main European

"I think you have two things at work here. First a ground swell of resentment among regular business travelers that they've been subsidizing the leisure passengers and that airlines have been immune to criticism. Second, the recession has made business travelers more selective; they have been traveling in the back of the plane themselves. They are saying: We want a better deal. It's taken BM as a catalyst to force the issue."

British Midland, the second largest carrier in Britain, has crusaded for cheaper business fares with a one-class service throughout the plane — arguably as good as business class on other carriers. BM offered a three-day round trip at around 30 percent less than competitor's business class. The only condition is that you had to come back within three days or trade up to the full fare.

Normal economy on other airlines would bring you business class with BM. This at-

tracted business travelers fed up with paying top dollar for a flexible ticket and a few trills. But the issue was finally forced on March 28 when BM introduced its Diamond Euro-Class, a separate business cabin on European routes. For the first time the traveler could gain access to the front cabin with three fares — the highest of which (Euro-Class Executive) was pitched at no more than the normal economy fare charged by other airlines on the route; a EuroClass three-day executive return; and a EuroClass Eurobudget, normally a normally back-ofthe-plane fare which carries some restric-

tions but allows an open return. This meant

Do check out fares at both ends of the

your end, get the agent to sell you a one-

Do look for new services - such as SAS

Brussels-Lyon and Iberia Amsterdam-

country" airlines in competion with the

Stockholm — operated by "third

route. If you cannot buy the cheapest fare at

way ticket and buy the return or a series of

Check Out Fares

round trips at the other end.

Look for New Service

national carriers.

savings of up to 15 percent for normal business class and up to 40 percent for people willing to sacrifice some flexibility in return for a cheaper business-class fare which you can upgrade without penalties.

So on Heathrow-Paris, for instance, BM's EuroClass Executive was introduced at £270 (about \$420) round-trip -a saving of £48 on the British Airways/Air France business class fare of £318; three-day executive at £240; and Eurobudget at £180, saving £78 and £138 respectively.

The competitive response was rapid. British Airways, Lufthansa, Air France, KLM, and Aer Lingus have all either cut full business class fares or introduced Eurobudget or threeround trip fares in the business cabin.

Competitive Routes

three competing airlines.

Check the Conditions

latest offers.

Do try to fly a route served by at least

Don't forget to compare conditions for discounted business fares, such as advance

purchase, change of booking, and length

Make sure your agent informs you of the

of stay. Promotional fares come and go.

Some examples: London-Dublin: Aer Lingus brings in a three-day return and Eurobudget fares to match BM (£199 and £201).

London-Amsterdam: KLM introduces a lower round-trip business fare for £248 and a three-day return at £218 to match BM. British Airways matches these lower business

British Airways cut its business class fares between the United Kingdom and Amster-dam, Helsinki, and Paris by up to 25 percent in a promotion due to run to the end of June. KLM has responded by matching the BA offer with a promotional fare of its own on London-Amsterdam (£218 return. a saving

Do negotiate an airline route deal to a

best on competitive trunk routes.

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frequently traveled destination. This works

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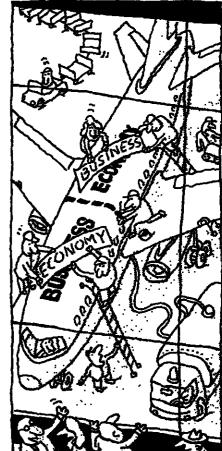
of £56 on the full business fare of £274). Air France has also matched the new BA fare on London-Paris with a promotional fare of £240 available until the end of June.

Meanwhile, SAS has been rolling out its own discounted business fare, Euroticket, which cuts an average of 20 percent off the normal business class fare between Scandinavia and most European destinations. So far, this is only available for round trips starting in Scandinavia and flying SAS. You must book your outbound ticket at least four days in advance, but the return coupon can be booked or changed any time. You can

come back the next day if you want. More competitive business fares are the welcome consequence of the third EC liberalization package, which came into force with the Common Market on Jan. 1. It enables community airlines to set their own fares, and to fly between two other EC states without having to start or end in their own

But merely reforming the regulatory framework will not bring fares down. If an airline can get away with high fares it will. The only thing that will lead to true price competition is to have at least three airlines operating a route. The crucial point is that 10 out of the 15 busiest routes are still only served by two national carriers with identical business fares. Bishop promises a raft of new destinations — if he can get the slots to provide the frequency that the business traveler needs - at least half a dozen peak-time flights a day.

The dominos have started to fall



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The Metropolitan Museum of Art (tel: 879.5500). To July 4: "The Waking Dream: Photography's First Century." More than 250 works trace 19th-century photography in England, France and the United States.

449.6840). To Sept. 18: "Paintings and Works on Paper by John Altoon." Paintings, drawings and prints dating from 1956-68.

Museum of Modern Art (tel: 863.8800). To June 6: "Shin Takamatsu." An introduction to contemporary Japanese architecture featur-

ing works by the Tokyo-based architect.

Henry Art Gallery (tel: 543.2280). To May 23: "Vija Celmins Retrospec-tive." More than 80 paintings, sculp-

tures, prints and drawings by the contemporary Latvian artist.

National Museum of American His-

tracing the development of heating and cooling technologies in the Unit-ed States between 1850 and 1950. Smithsonian Institution (tel:

tory (tel: 357.3129). To July 15:

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AUSTRIA

Osterreichisches Museum für angewandte Kunst (tel: 711.360). May 1-9: To celebrate the reopening of the museum after renovation, there will be a week-long festival featuring workshops, concerts, lectures, performances and guided tours.

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Koninklik Museum voor Shone Kunsten (tel: 238.7809). To June 27: "Jacob Jordaens: 1593-1678." A Flemish tribute to the Baroque artist with more than 100 paintings, draw-

The National Gallery (tel: 839.3321). To June 20: "Paintings from the Bowes Museum." Includes works by Sassetta, Heemskerck, El words by Sessetta, Heartsteafot, El Greco, Boucher, Goya and Courbet. Royal Academy of Arts (tel: 439,7438). To June 6: "Georges Rouald: The Early Years 1903-20." A retrospective including paintings, welsroolors, december and drawings. South Bank Centre (tel: 928,3002). To June 6: "Revenge: A Mask in Five Tableaux." Exhibit consecrated to black people who died during the At-lantic slave trade days. It includes acrylic paintings by the Tanzanian art-ist Lubiana Himid.

CANADA

Ontario

Art Gallery of Ontario (Tel: 977.0414). To Aug. 1: "Mester Prints from the Museum's Private Collec-

Prague
Wallenstein Riding School Vald-steinska (tel: 231.5135). To May 2: "Bohumil Kubista: 1884-1918." More than 160 paintings, pastels, drawings and prints trace the develcoment of the Czech artist's career.

DEDMARK

Louisiang Museum of Modern Art (tel: 42.19.07.19). To May 9: "At the Edge of Chaos: New Images of the World." A survey of developments in the field of architecture, the visual arts and science.

FRANÇE

Paris
Bibliothèque Nationale (tel: 47.03.81.10). To May 23: "Le Printemps des Genies." More than 185 works of literature, music, peinting, sculpture and science document achievements of artists before they reached the age of 20. Includes works by Pascal, Mozari, Hugo, Byron, Flaubert and Rimbaud.

Grand Palais (tel: 47.22.20.42). To June 14: "Le Siecle de Titen." The works of Titian and his contemporar-

Institut du Monde Arabe (tel: 40.51.38.38). To May 16: "Art Islamique et Mecenat: Tresors du Kower." Islamic art including california Koweit." Islamic art including callig-rephy, miniatures, ceremics, carpets and glassware. Jeu de Paume (tel: 47.03.12.50). To June 20: "Eva Hesse." A retro-

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Berlin Staatliche Museen (tel: 266.2629). To Jan. 31: "Fittles: Interieur und Design in Deutschland." This exhibit focuses on trends in architecture and interior design in the reconstruction efforts after World War II.

Kunst und Ausstellungshalle (tel: 917.1200). To July 11: "Dancing Im-

ages: Flags of the Fante Asafo." More than 100 traditional flags with tribal insignias from the coastal Gha-na region. Also, to Sept. 30: "Alexanspective of the Abstract Expressionist whose works gained popularity in the der Calder: The Monumental Sculp-tures,"

The frish Museum of Modern Art (tel: 718.666). To June 1: "Elaine Reichek." Reichek Incorporates painting, photography, knitting and needlepoint into her works.

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Galleria Comunale d'Arte Moderna
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than 170 works document the artistic experience in Bologna in the 19th and 20th centuries.

JAPAN

Prefectural Museum of Art (tel: 715.3551). To May 30: "Kaldemon ware." More than 160 pots, plates, dolls and animals in the artisanal tradition of this ancient art of porcelain with hand-painted images.

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can Visionary" exhibit in Atlanta and a sculpture by Alberto Giacometti at the Guggenheim in New York.

than 150 works examine Rem-brandt's achievements.

Kelhan Gallery of Arts and Sciences (tel: 994.1313). To May 12: "Washi Paper Doll Exhibition." "The Tale of Geniji" is told through more

than 120 paper dolls.

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Van Gogh Museum (tel: 570.5200).
To Oct. 31: "Courtesans in Japanese
Prints." Courtesans served as a central theme in 18th and 19th centure

prints. This show locuses attention on van Gogh's fascination with this tradition.

SCOTLAND

Scottish National Portrait Gallery (tel: 556.8921). To May 23: "Eugene Impey: A Passage Through India." Photographs of Indian land-scapes, monuments and potentates taken during the artist's travels there as a diplomat.

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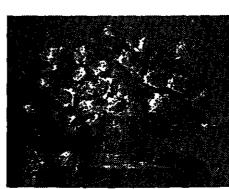
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commission was a work for George Bush's inauguration. By the way, students don't have to take the walls away with them — the paintings can be done on canvas for easy

Photography is perhaps just another way of tricking the eye, and photo buffs can also brush up

DETITIT PARESTE

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their skills during a sejour in France at the Spéos Paris Photographic Institute. Keeping up to the minute on the latest technology, the institute, located in Paris's Bastille district, is adding a course on computer interactive photography, through which photographers can rapidly send their images to a computer screen located anywhere in the world over telephone wires, to its traditional studio and fine arts photography curriculum.

skills run more toward design than the fine arts. Esmod, the oldest fashion school in Paris, is offering summer courses this year under the general heading Discover Fashion in Paris." The school was founded in 1841 by Alexis La-

For travelers whose

vigne, inventor of the tape measure and the dressmaker's dummy. In its opulent hôtel particulier (redecorated in the 19th century by Charles Garnier of Paris opera house fame), students can choose from three courses: "De-"Patternmaking" and "The Life Cycle of Fashion Products." The first two include instruction in computer-aided design and computer-aided patternmaking, respective-

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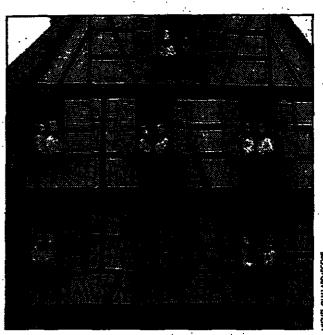


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Visitors do not have to stay in Paris to learn how to cook, however. Le Castel de Bray et Monts offers cooking courses in a beautiful 18th-century châteauhotel in the Loire Valley. Here students are pampered in their lovely surroundings and given three hours of cooking classes every morning after breakfast, during which they prepare the day's meal. Their professor is Maxime Rochereau, a former chef at the Ritz. In the afternoons, the class is taken on guided tours of the famed châteaux in the area, and on a visit to a renowned cooking-utensil store.

Anyone interested in getting out of the kitchen and into a career in hotel and restaurant management should take a look at the Institut International Maxim's de Paris. Students come from all over the world to learn the business the French have perfected at the school associated with the famous Maxim's restaurant. Visiting professors from such



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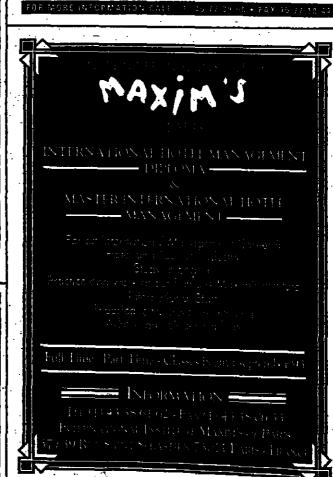
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Learning a language is a daunting task for nearly everyone, and is nearly impossible when there are no real opportunities to speak it. Many travelers take advantage of vacations abroad to combine pleasure with learning and come away with a much richer experience of the country they have visited.

Language schools for visitors abound in Europe, and most of them offer that extra something that can take the "all-work" aspect out of learning a lan-

The Université d'Aix-Marseille III, located in the beautiful Provençal town of Aix-en-Provence, offers three intensive fourweek courses in French in June July and September. Small groups spend 20 hours a week in class. In the afternoon, two-hour workshops cover special popies such as comic books (a veritable art form in France), French literature and poetry or commercial French. Saturdays are devoted to outings in Provence. The university helps students find appro-

priate accommodations. In a gorgeous seaside setting on the French Riviera, the Institut de Francais in Villefranche, near Nice, offers four- or eightweek total-immersion courses that stress diversified teaching approaches in small groups in a French-only speaking environment. They are held in a handsome hillside villa overlooking the port town and the sea, and the Institut can arrange for housing in its own apartments in town or in a ho-

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The nearby Université, de Caen was founded in 1432 by one of the kings of England and was one of the first universities in France to build an American-style campus. Continuing this tradition of contact with the Anglophone world, the university welcomes foreign students every summer for a special course of Frenchlanguage study. One of the university's advantages is its location near the beaches of Normandy, only a two-hour drive from Paris. In the lovely southern

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The International Center for French Studies (C.I.E.F.) is a special French language and civilization program within the Université Lumière Lyon 2. The center benefits from all the facilities of a major university while offering courses adapted to the needs of foreigners. A summer school program in July and September provides intensive language courses as well as a varied program of cultural and recreational activities. The center also caters to groups of students from foreign universities who wish to have a program designed especially for them.

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French town, the port city of La Rochelle, the Institut d'Etudes Françaises, in cooperation with the University of Poitiers, offers intensive 60-hour courses in June, July, August and September as well as month-long, 72-hour courses for those who wish to learn French at a more leisurely pace. In addition, there are courses in business French and workshops covering grammar, civilization, literature, phonetics, everyday com-

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Thursday's figures left economists uncertain whether even this pattern of growth would persist. In addition to the sharp decline in

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only 0.2 percent after jumping 25.1 percent last fall, and consumer spending, which accounts for two-thirds of the economy, edged ahead by

only 1.2 percent after jumping by 5.1 percent.

A more ominous note was struck by a 7
percent decline in exports after a half-year of

more than 9 percent growth.

The declines in the domestic sectors were unusually sharp because they represented a fall from a higher peak in the fourth quarter. The

peak, in turn, was based on pent-up consumer

spending released by postelection euphoria.

Thus the inevitable letdown was bound to be exaggerated, and "the economy is not as weak

as the numbers suggest," said Mickey Levy of CRT Government Securities, who forecast a return to 3 percent growth in the second half of

the year and few new jobs.
But Allen Sinai of the Boston Company was less certain. "Basically what we see is an undu-

lating track of 2 to 3 percent growth," he said, "which is better than 1990 and 1991 but not a

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spring sales figures. After the March blizzard, Mr. Sinai said, automobile and other retail sales had bounced back for Easter, but not to a level

indicating a resumption of growth at 3 percent for the second quarter. The figures indicate growth of only about 1.5 to 2.5 percent, he said.

The next signals will come from the employment figures May 7. Thursday's weekly report

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He noted that inventories grew as consumers failed to pull new merchandise off the shelves, and the 6.4 percent decline in government spending was "a real drag" as the military binge of the 1980s wound down and the administrational decline in government that the state of the faderal budget deficit tion struggled to cut the federal budget deficit.
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reported. The rise came as the Midwest and
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"It's a pleasant surprise," said David F.
Seiders of the National Association of Home Builders, who like most other economists had expected the storm to cause overall sales to Daryl Delano of Canners Economics in Newton, Massachusetts, said upward revisions in both January and February were just as significant as the March report. The January pace was revised to a 597,000 annual rate from 561,000, while the February rate was increased to 608,000 from 595,000. Still, sales in both months were less than had been expected, which analysts also attributed to Div Yld PE 1055 High Low Lates Ch'es 器 ś 盪

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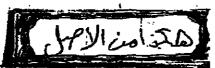
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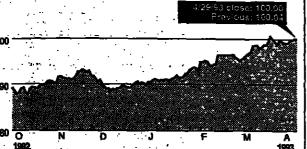
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Investors Seeking Yield Fuel Comeback in REITs

By Jeanne B. Pinder

EW YORK — As banks, developers and others flee in terror from their troubled property investments, some people are snapping up these assets, eager to cash in on a pressured into cutting rates prematurely. potential recovery in real estate as low interest rates continue to make other investments less appealing.

Rather than buying properties directly, many people are investing in a real estate investment trust, a kind of mutual fund that buys real estate and passes profits along to investors. Under the 1960 law that established them,

these trusts are not taxed as corporate entities but are required to pass along 95 percent of their earnings to shareholders as dividends and to have a land 25

dends and to have at least 75 percent of their total assets in real estate. . These trusts, known as REITs, are risky, and investors in them

suffered spectacular losses in the mid-1970s and again in the late 1980s. The overhaul of American tax law passed in 1986 reduced the incentives for holding real estate privately, and that helped But at the same time, the 1986 law was at least a signal of the real

estate crash that was about to come, and some say it was a contributing factor. And the ensuing depression in property prices hurt REITs along with the rest of the real estate sector.

Today, the trusts account for just a fraction of the real estate market, but they are experiencing explosive growth. So far this year, REITs have grown an extraordinary 25 percent, compared with 21

percent for all of 1992. The market capitalization of the 140 or so publicly traded REITs soared to \$19.7 billion at the end of March from \$15.7 billion at the

The influx of money is welcomed in real estate circles, where an

The influx of money is welcomed in real estate circles, where an overabundance of properties — including many vacant or partly filled buildings — is still depressing prices.

"REITs are one of few ways in which significant amounts of reasonably priced capital is made available to the real estate markets," said John Partillo, analyst in the Penobscot Group, an independent analyst group based in Boston. "And real estate does provide disproportionately higher yields as compared to other asset classes right now."

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But for investors, there are more than a few risks in these vehicles, in which a group of buildings or mortgages is combined into a trust that offers shares to institutions or individuals. The process creates an entity that resembles a corporation, whose stock can be readily

bought and sold.

Right now, the rewards appear great. Publicly traded REITs See REITs, Page 14

Gold's Comeback: Only 10 Karat Price Is Rising, but Is Nowhere Near Previous Highs

By Jonathan Fuerbringer New York Times Service NEW YORK - Gold is rallying. Gold traders are busy. Gold analysts are smiling and predicting higher prices — yes, higher

That is quite a change for gold, which was sanished to the minor leagues of metal trading in the mid-1980s after enjoying major league status in the 1970s and especially in 1980, when prices hit \$850 an ounce. Every rally has been quashed as the price moved relentlessly

lower, slumping to \$326.90 on March 10, its lowest level in more than eight years. This time, prices appear to be rising be-cause of fundamental changes in supply and demand that have been lacking in past rallies. Inflation fears, which have pushed up the price of gold in the past, are not a major driving force in the West but could be stimulating the buying seen in China. Whatever the

cause, analysts say, the support is not there to take gold to lofty new price levels. The price of gold on the Commodity Exchange in New York has jumped more than 9 percent, or \$30.50 an ounce, from its year low to its highest level since last August. Almost half that increase has come in the last week and that is what is grabbing the attention. In Comex trading Thursday, the metal jumped

\$3.00 to close at \$357.40 an ounce. Ian MacDonald, manager of precious met-als at Credit Suisse, is saying things he has not uttered for years. "I am seeing a very dynamic turnaround," he said. "The bear market has ended."

But this is still a far cry from gold's previous surges. Mr. MacDonald's predictions, which are in line with those of several other gold analysts, put the price of gold up an additional 6 percent by the end of the year. "Realistically, there is nothing that says we cannot go to \$380, easily," he said.

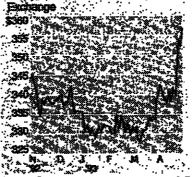
That means that more than half the rally is past. And even at that level, the price would still be well below the \$427 that gold hit early in 1990. As of now, Mr. MacDonald and others are not talking of returning to those

The rally still means a lot for traders, who thrive on price movements. And for investors like Sir James Goldsmith, an international manager and speculator, it could mean large profits. The two completed a deal last week under which funds managed by Mr. Soros will buy a 10 percent stake in Newmont Mining Co., which Sir James controls. He used pro ceeds from the sale to buy options on gold.

The rumor of the buying of options on Friday, the report of the sale on Monday and, possibly, Mr. Soros's appearance on Cable News Network's "Business Day" program all contributed to gold's rise. Some traders said

The Price of Gold

Daily price in dollars per ounce for the spet contract on the Commodities



they jumped in because they believed the two investors might know something they did not. At the least, by publicly disclosing their investment, Mr. Soros and Sir James have certainly increased their own paper profits, for now. Mr. Soros was unavailable and exce-

utives with his fund management firm declined to comment. The other factors in the rally are the reports of heavy buying of gold in Asia, espe-

cially in China, where many Chinese are reaping the benefits of the opening of the economy and are buying gold because they lack options for investing. According to some estimates, the Chinese could buy 1,000 metric tons of gold this year, which is more than South Africa and the United States produce. Joseph Rosta, the research director at

CPM Group, a precious metals consulting group, said money was flowing into gold because some investors had decided that the bond and stock markets had topped out. He also argued that investors have chosen "to take a fresh look" at gold, in part because prices have fallen so low.

One reason for the slump in the price of gold in the 1980s was an oversupply caused by overproduction and large sales by Russia and others. But there have been recent signs that this supply glut is beginning to turn.

■ Silver Shoots Higher

Silver climbed to its highest level in nine months as the recent rise in precious metals prices triggered demand from commodity funds, Bloomberg reported from New York.

July silver climbed for the sixth consecutive session on the Commodity Exchange, gaining 17.2 cents to \$4.38 an ounce. Silver rose despite weaker than expected

U.S. economic data.

East Germans To Begin Strike On Monday

of East German plants will go on strike Monday, and their West German counterparts will observe a day of "protest action and soli-darity" on May 12, the trade union IG Metall said Thursday.

Meanwhile. Finance Minister Theo Waigel said in Washington that the recession in Germany had been more intense than expected and he predicted the economy in Western Germany would contract by 1.5 percent this year.

He also said that the turning point for the German and European economies would come later than the middle of this year.

The union announced plans for the strike a day after securing an overwhelming mandate from engineering workers in the states of Saxony and Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania and from steelworkers

across Eastern Germany. It will be the first major industrial stoppage in Eastern Germany

"This is IG Metall's response to the unprecedented scrapping of valid pay agreements by the engi-neering and steel employers," said Franz Steinkühler, president of the

Only a small number of plants will be hit in the first phase of the strike in order to minimize the immediate economic damage.

But the union said the first strike wave would be followed by strike ballots in other Eastern states — Berlin-Brandenburg, Saxony-Anhalt and Thuringia - beginning on

Mr. Steinkühler noted that 85 FRANKFURT — Engineering percent of union members had votworkers and steelworkers in dozens ed for the strike, 10 percent more ed for the strike, 10 percent more

than the union needed.

"After decades of oppression and lack of freedom, after the countless promises that the govern-ment and employers made after unification in 1990 but did not keep, the metalworkers have adoptdifficult course, their heads held high," he said.

But he kept the door ajar, saying the union had targeted only 50 companies, a relatively small number. "in order to give employers one more chance to resolve the conflict before it escalates further."

Hans-Joachim Gottschol, president of the employers' association, called for IG Metall to show moderation, saying it was still possible to "negotiate an overall or regional compromise."

IG Metall said it was willing to extend the deadline for achieving pay parity. But it is remaining firm on the principle of the contract, worried that bosses could seize a precedent set in the East to tear up wage accords in the West.

■ A Pledge for German Coal Economics Minister Günter Rexrodt pledged Thursday to continue support for West Germany's heavily subsidized hard coal industry even after a state aid program expires in 1995, Reuters reported

The statement, made before a rally of about 80,000 miners, was Mr. Rexrodt's clearest commitment so far in favor of the industry.

Germany Won't Be Rushed on Rate Cuts

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches WASHINGTON - Germany warned its allies on Thursday that it would not be rushed into cutting interest rates as the world's seven most powerful industrial nations met to find

ways to bolster the shaky global economy.
"We have not adopted a strategy of aggressive rate cuts," Helmut Schlesinger, president of the Bundesbank, Germany's central bank, told reporters shortly before the start of a meeting of the Group of Seven nations. "Such a strategy could have negative consequences."

Mr. Schlesinger also said that Germany "has

no further margin of maneuver" to reduce rates following this week's cut in the repurchase rate, because it has not yet brought inflation under

His comments seemed intended as a remindions in the Ciroup of Sevi Britain, Canada, France, Italy, Japan and the United States — that Germany would not be Germany has repeatedly cut interest rates in

recent months, most recently on Wednesday, but the United States believes more needs to be

done to end Europe's economic slump.

Before the meeting got under way at midday, the U.S. Treasury secretary, Lloyd Bentsen, said the United States was "delighted" with the Bundesbank's recent interest rate cuts, but added, "We hope that overall the rates in Europe can be reduced some more." Growth in Europe, he added, "is dismal." Washington is looking for faster growth

overseas to give a lift to American exports, but Mr. Schlesinger made clear that Germany would not be rushed into cutting rates. German inflation is likely to top 4 percent this year, which is high by the country's stan-

dards, Mr. Schlesinger said. He said that hasty cuts in short-term interest rates mu bush down the value of the Det sche mark in world currency markets and push up domestic bond yields.

Finance Minister Theo Waigel of Germany. who pointed out that his country and the rest of

Europe were likely to be in an economic downswing for longer than expected, said it was

important to improve G-7 cooperation. Thursday's meeting is expected to produce a statement showing how the seven nations will tackle slow growth.

Mr. Waigel warned against excessive pessi-mism, noting that world trade was likely to expand by 5 percent this year. It was also positive that interest rates were falling in virtually all European nations.

"The Bundesbank has made an important contribution," Mr. Waigel said.

Japan, meanwhile, was likely to face pressure from its partners to quicken the pace of domestic

growth and reduce its towering trade surplus. The Europeans and the Americans clearly share the view that Japan could do more, with Mr. Bentsen on Wednesday describing Tokyo's latest economic stimulus package as helpful,

(Reuters, AFP)

lost \$194 million on automotive operations in the first quarter in con-trast to a loss of \$1.2 billion a year

GM's aging passenger car lineup and its decision to cut about 20

percent of its low-margin sales to daily rental companies kept overall

first-quarter car sales at depressed

France to Block Bananas

BRUSSELS - The EC Commission has authorized France to block banana imports from developing countries that it asserts are disrupting its market, a commission spokesman said on Thursday. Cheap bananas are being imported from the Caribbean and Latin America, causing French market prices to drop by between 35 percent and 40 percent. Many of these cheap imports are from the Dominican Republic and are shipped into France via Belgium and

Italy, the spokesman said. Under the so-called "safeguard" agreement approved Thursday, July, when a new EC banana import regime goes into effect. The

quotas will freeze the level of imports to the average level for the corresponding month over the last three years, the spokesman said. France wants to ensure that its overseas regions of Guadeloupe and Martinique and its traditional banana suppliers, including the Ivory Coast and Gabon, will not have their production undercut by

Clinton Rail Plan Asks \$1.3 Billion

By Martin Tolchin

New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration's highspeed rail plan calls for a fiveyear, \$1.3 billion effort to create lederal-state partnerships to develop service in densely populated parts of the United States.

Transportation Secretary Federico F. Peña, in announcing the plan Wednesday, said high-speed rail service would relieve highway and airport congestion, cut pollution and travel delays and "improve the quality

The plan represents the first federal support for high-speed rail projects outside the Northeast Corridor, which links New York, Boston and Washington. Most of the money would be used to help apgrade existing tracks to handle passenger trains running at as much as 150 miles per hour (240 kilome-

ters per hour). The plan would also provide money for technological development, including \$300 million for work on a prototype of a train that floats above its track on invisible magnetic cushions

and can achieve even higher

As a first step, the Transportation Department is to designate the routes that will be eligible for high-speed rail service and ask state and local officials to develop master plans. The federal government would provide as much as 50 percent of the money for each project.

Amtrak, the government-subsidized intercity passenger carrier, is currently the only operator of high-speed rail service in the United States. Its Metroliner trains reach speeds of 125 miles per hour between Washington and New York, and its X2000 train, still being tested, travels at 135 miles per bour.

The X2000 train is manufactured by ABB Asea Brown Bo-veri Ltd., the Swiss-Swedish engineering group. Other companies seeking to become involved in high-speed rail or magnetic-levitation projects in the United States include many of Europe's railway companies, Itochu Corp. of Japan and sev-eral large American construc-tion concerns and heavy-equip-

ment manufacturers.

GM, Like Ford, Enjoyed A Better 1st Quarter

although modest.

DETROIT - General Motors Corp., citing cost-cutting and in-creased efficiency, said Thursday it earned \$513 million in the first three months of the year, becoming the second U.S. carmaker in as many days to outstrip analysts'

predictions of first-quarter profit. Analysts surveyed in advance of the report had estimated GM would earn about \$242 million in the quarter. Ford Motor Co. on Wednesday reported it earned \$572 million in the first quarter as record income in financial services paced the carmaker's best quarter in nearly three years.

GM's profit compared with a loss in the same quarter last year of \$21 billion, mostly due to adoption of new accounting standards for future retirees' health care. Excluding the accounting charge in last year's quarter, GM lost \$166.7 million.

Worldwide revenue rose 8.4 per-cent to \$34.96 billion in the 1993 first quarter from \$32.26 billion a In North America, GM said it



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The Board of Directors of the Dragon Fund Management Company, acting for and on behalf of The Dragon Fund, has decided on the 31st March 1993 to distribute a dividend amounting to a TOTAL of USD 1,617,975. The ex-dividend date will be on the 17th May 1993, the payment date will be on the 24th May 1993.

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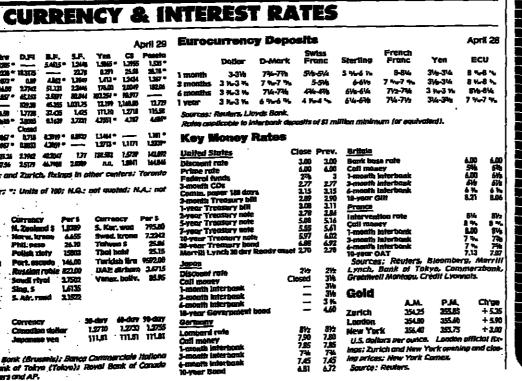
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MARKET DIARY

Late Buying Surge Sends Dow Higher

for only the second time in the past nine sessions on Thursday as declining interest rates and computerdriven buy orders triggered a late market rebound.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 11.62 to 3.425.12, as a

N.Y. Stocks

late rally fueled by Philip Morris Cos. and Caterpillar Inc. helped push the average almost 20 points higher in the final 30 minutes of

Standard & Poor's 500-Stock Index rose 0.87 to 438.89 and the Nasdaq Combined Composite In-dex climbed 0.29 to 658.45.

Advancing common stocks led declining issues by about 8 to 7. Trading was moderate, with about 245 million shares changing hands on the NYSE.

The computers and Philip Morris picked this market up in the final minutes," said Edward Collins, head trader at Daiwa Securi-

Philip Morris gained 1% to 47% after the company said its Oscar automaker posted first-quarter net Mayer Foods Corp. division signed an agreement to distribute its products in Mexico. Caterpillar was up

Department's report that the econ- Zacks Investment Research.

NEW YORK - U.S. stocks rose mual rate in the first quarter, the weakest showing since last spring. Economists anticipated a 2.2 percent increase in the gross domestic

> "A 1.8 percent growth rate is a pathetic excuse for a real recovery," said John Albertine, an independent economist in Washington. Stocks showed surprising resil-

iency after the release of lower-than-expected quarterly results from such big companies as UAL Corp., said Richard Ciardullo, director of trading at Eagle Asset

There are pockets of earnings strength, but there are also disasters," Mr. Ciardullo said. "The disasters, like Kodak, are making fund managers queasy and keeping many of them out of the market." UAL, the parent of United Air-

lines said its loss from merations widened to \$138 million. or \$5.92 a share, from \$108 million, or \$4.52, a year earlier. The stock fell 4% to 140%, and 606,200 shares changed

GM declined 11/2 to 40%. The income of 42 cents a share, compared with a loss of 53 cents before accounting charges a year earlier. The results were well above the Stocks were lower for most of the consensus of 19 cents a share session following the Commerce among analysts, according to

G-7 Assails Volatility As Yen Keeps Firming

NEW YORK - The dollar fell Thursday against the yen ahead of a communiqué from the finance ministers of the Group of Seven industrial nations on currency rates.

The Japanese currency continued its recent rise in trading that closed before the communique was issued,

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as the market bet the G-7 would not act to restrain the yen. The dollar fell to 111.10 yen at the close, from 112.12 yen on Thursday.

Traders had sold yea in the course of the week on the opposite theory, that the G-7 would issue a statement aimed at slowing the yen's rise against the dollar. It is up 12 percent so far this year.

"People bought yen back today on the bet that the G-7 wouldn't issue a strong statement," said Amy Smith, market strategist at IDEA, a financial consulting firm.

In the event, the communique said: "We agreed that exchange

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change markets and affirmed our continued commitment to close co

of the yen in recent weeks has hurt its economy. But the communique made no specific reference to the

more conciliatory to the Japanese, it's unlikely that our policy has changed dramatically," said Lisa

In trading against other curren-

The dollar slipped to 1.5785 cent return on the Standard & Deutsche marks from 1.5798 DM. Poor's 500 index of stocks.

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That language seemed to repre-sent a concession to Tokyo, which has complained that the steep rise

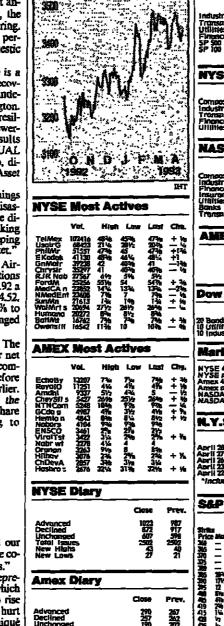
Finstrom, currency analyst at Shearson Lehman Brothers. U.S. officials are probably content to keep the dollar at current levels against the yen until they get concessions on trade issues from the Japanese, she said.

It fell to 5.3175 French francs from

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5.3280 francs and to 1.4250 Swiss francs from 1.4278 francs. The British pound slipped slight-ly to \$1.5735 from \$1.5740.



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RJR Nabisco Swung to Profit in Period

NEW YORK (AP) — RJR Nabisco Holdings Corp. said Thursday it
had earnings of \$163 million, or 12 cents a share, in the first quarter,

reflecting improvement in its food and tobacco businesses.

RJR had a loss of \$15 million in the year-earlier quarter. Excluding special charges in both periods, net income rose 46 percent to \$210 million from \$144 million. Revenue rose about 3 percent to \$3.74 billion

in the first quarter, ended March 31. The Nabisco food division, which sells Oreos cookies. Ritz crackers and Planters nuts, saw sales rise 6 percent to \$1.63 billion. At the R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. operations, which include the Winston and Camel brands, revenue was about flat at \$2.1 billion, but volume worldwide rose 11 percent as sales of tobacco products overseas advanced 3 percent.

UAL Posts Loss, Plans More Cuts

CHICAGO (AP) — The parent company of United Airlines reported a first-quarter loss of \$157 million Thursday, and Stephen Wolf, chairman of UAL Corp., promised further structural changes at the carrier.

United's current \$400 million cost-reduction program, Mr. Wolf said, is not enough to restore it to "sustained profitability." Excluding special charges to cover debt that was paid off early, UAL Corp. had a quarterly loss of \$138 million. Its year-earlier operating loss was \$108 million. Revenue rose to \$3.33 billion in the latest quarter from \$2.97 billion.

"We continue to move forward with plans to reduce further our coers.

"We continue to move forward with plans to reduce further our cos by making structural changes to the company." Mr. Wolf said. United which has laid off 2,800 workers and cut spending ou new jets under the existing plan, also will slow delivery of 14 A-320 jets scheduled for 1995 and 1996 from Airbus Industrie, he said.

2 More Officials Quit CS First Boston NEW YORK (Bloomberg) —CS First Boston Group continued to lose executives, as Merrill Lynch & Co. announced Thursday that Michael Koeneke, a managing director and head of mergers and acquisitions at the Swiss controlled investment bank, had become the co-head of merg-

ers at Merrill Lynch.

In addition, Mary Louise Leaf, who as a managing director had dealt with corporations that frequently issue bonds, has joined Lehman Brothers, traders and investment bankers said. Mr. Koeneke and Ms. Leaf weren't available for comment. A spokesman for First Boston, the New York subsidiary of CS First Boston, confirmed the departures.

At least 22 traders and investment bankers, including eight managing directors, have left CS First Boston this year for higher pay.

Mesa and Noteholders Reach Accord

DALLAS (AP) — A preliminary agreement has been reached between Mesa Inc. and noteholders that would allow the company to defer about \$150 million in interest payments over the next two years, Mesa said.

The agreement to restructure \$600 million in debt follows months of negotiations. It calls for Mesa to issue \$615.75 million in new notes and pay bondholders \$13.5 million in cash, probably sometime this summer. Some of the notes will be convertible into common stock equal to about a

Nutri-System Eliminates 1,800 Jobs

BLUE BELL, Pennsylvania (Bloomberg) - Natri-System said Thursday that it had closed 283 company-owned diet centers and laid off about 1,800 employees after a bank confiscated its cash during negotiations Its 857 franchised centers in the United States and its 175 Canadian

units will remain open, the company said. The operator of weight-management centers said Wednesday that Fidelity Bancorp., the agent for a seven-member consortium of banks, had seized the company's cash and taken control of its bank accounts during restructuring talks. Nutri-System said it was appalled by the bank's action and said it had negotiated with several investors to restructure the company. Paul Levine, a spokesman for First Fidelity, said the bank declined to comment as a matter of policy.

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Britain's Guardian to Buy Observer

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The British conglomerate Londo PLC, which hought the Observer in 1981, said Thursday that it had received an "acceptable" offier from the Guardian, a Londonbased daily.

"We have shaken hands on a deal with the Guardian, which both of us have agreed," Nick Morrell, a Loorho director with responsibility for the Observer, said. Harry Roche, chairman and chief executive of Guardian & Manchester Evening News PLC, said terms of the offer would not be disclosed until the board of the Observer formally approves the transaction Tuesday.

"Most people are expecting a price tag of about £20 million (\$31.5 million) for the Observer, but what we don't know is whether it will be a cash sale or if Lonrho will be able to take a stake in the Guardian," said Alastair Smellie, an analyst at Lehman Brothers.

Journalists said they were "tremendously relieved" that the 202-year-old newspaper was being kept alive. One source at the Observer said the Guardian had hinted that only 10 to 15 of the newspaper's staff of about 80

would lose their jobs.

The sale also would be "positive for Lonrho," said Alan Richards, analyst at Bar-clays de Zoete Wedd, by ridding the company

of an unprofitable operation. The Guardian, the flagship publication of Guardian & Manchester Evening News, which is a charitable trust company, has long been attracted to the Observer, as both have a

tradition of liberal political sympathies.

The Observer's circulation, at just over 500,000 in March, was less than half that of Britain's largest-selling quality Sunday paper, the Sunday Times. (Reuters, Bloomberg, AP)

Currencies Drive Profits: ICI Up, BASF Down

The German chemical company BASF AG said Thursday its profit fell nearly 50 percent in the first quarter, partly because of the strong Deutsche mark, while Britain's Imperial Chemical Industries PLC posted a 10 percent profit

DM a year earlier. Group sales were down 7.2 percent, to 11.04 billion DM. The company said its level of orders in hand was "unsatisfactory"

and was not expected to improve this year. Its chief executive, Jürgen Strube, added at the group's annual meeting in Ludwigshafen rise, largely because of the weaker pound.

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million DM (\$150.1 million) from 473 million that the company was spending too much on environmental protection measures. He said

corporations, adding that maintaining the envi-

ronment was also a social responsibility. In London, ICI said its first-quarter pretax profit rose to £233 million (\$366.3 million) from £212 million a year earlier. It attributed much of the improvement to favorable currency translations, as its earnings abroad bought more pounds because of the British currency's decline in value. intervention rate, which sets a theo-

The Bank of France lowered its (Bloomberg, Reuters, AFP) retical floor on money market rates, trial Bank of Japan.

quarterly decline in a row.

As Jobless Increase to 8.25 percent from 8.50, and cut its PARIS - France cut interest emergency five-to-10 day lending rate, the notional ceiling, to 9.25 rates on Thursday for the fourth time in just over two weeks, hoping to breathe new life into an economy percent from 9.50. The big commer cial banks followed by cutting their that is plagned by record unemploy-ment and is sinking into recession. The news of the quarter-point rebase lending rate to industry by a quarter point to 9.25 percent

It was the fourth cut since Prime

duction in the Bank of France's Minister Edouard Balladur's conleading interest rates came as the servative government took power Labor Ministry announced that unat the end of March. employment had risen again in March, to 10.7 percent of the work force from 10.6 percent in February. "The cuts have not weakened the franc. So there's no reason for the Bank of France not to go on eas-The ministry said seasonally ading," said an economist at Salomon

France Cuts Rates

justed unemployment rose 7 per-cent in March from a year earlier. Brothers, Jean-François Mercier. Market confidence in the new taking the numbers of those out of government, and a gradual lowering work to a record 3,066,400. of German interest rates opened the Underlining the gloom, an economist at the National Statistics Inway to Thursday's rate cuts.

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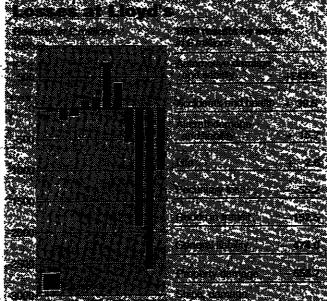
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The state of the s capital for centuries were unlikely to be willing or able to do so now. He said that Lloyd's will throw open its doors to corporations to join the ranks of members for the first time ever, as soon as late this

> In another attempt to broaden its attraction, Lloyd's will break: with tradition by allowing members to join with limited liabilty. Traditionally, Lloyd's members put their entire fortunes on the line in return for fatter profits. Since all too many of them have now lost. their fortunes, this option is thought to have hugely reduced ap-

One crucial obstacle to bringing in new members has been the existence of so-called open years, years for which the accounts of many syndicates cannot be closed because of uncertainty regarding the size of the claims against policies they wrote.

127 J. M. 16 2 6 To clear the decks of that lingering uncertainty, Lloyd's will take all of those old liabilities up to and including those for the year 1985 and put them in a new separate company to be called NewCo. It will have more than £4 billion in reserves to meet whatever claims arise against those old policies in the future. They include matters like pollution and asbestos claims whose full consequences can not be recognized for years.



One of the most profound changes planned by Lloyd's top management, which only took office late last year, is to hugely expand their own power. Beginning on Tuesday, when the business plan will take effect, management

to cutting costs and even controlling the fees that the market brokers can charge. In the future, for instance, agents

everything from improving the pro-fessional standards of underwriters of Lloyd's Members, a group that losses of £1 billion.

represents a broad spectrum of Lloyd's members. "People will no longer be able to go on their own previous lack of oversight within Lloyd's.

chief executive, said he envisioned lopping £200 million from the market's expenses annually. He insist ed this would not be terribly difficolt

In one of many criticisms of the way Lloyd's has run its business in the past, Mr. Middleton explained: "We are just bringing in simple procedures of good management that have been absent from Lloyd's for too long."

Mr. Rowland was scathing when he discussed the bad old days at Lloyd's from which he now wants to make a clean break.

"The customary reaction here when there is a problem is to set up a committee and wait 12 months for its report," he said. "We just don't have the time."

What Lloyd's has, by Mr. Row land's own projections, is at least two more 10-lignre losses to abwill make a profit only if their di- sorb. The chairman said that Lloyd's, which reports its results plan will take effect, management intends to exert its prerogatives in past," said Valentine Powell, the past," said Valentine Powell, the report losses for 1991 of as much as chief executive of the Association followed next year by

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mission to the Community, acknowledged that recession in Westunchecked," he said, referring to a ern Europe made it difficult to accept more imports. But he said that the Community's pain paled in Costs, too, will no longer go un-checked. Peter Middleton, Lloyd's Eastern Europe as it restructures. Hungarian sales to the Community

amount to less than I percent of total EC imports, he noted.

"We believe much more brave market openings could be justified even under the conditions of a recession." he said.

He said that a "firm statement" from EC members that they want Eastern Europe to join the club was the "vital element.

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Very briefly:

 The London Stock Exchange was evacuated after a bomb warning police said; a phone warning was received but it did not include the sort of coded message that warnings from the Irish Republican Army frequently include to prove their validity to the authorities.

· British Gas PLC's chairman. Robert Evans, said he would not seek reappointment when his term of office expires at the end of June 1994. • Mercedes-Benz AG will begin making trucks in the former Soviet republic of Uzbekistan, and intends to produce up to 100 trucks with Uzbekistan's main heavy vehicle company by the end of this year.

 Lego A/S, the Danish family-owned toymaker, reported that pretax profit rose by over 20 percent to 635 million kroner (\$103.9 million) last year; it cited reduced raw material prices due to currency factors.

Benetton Group SpA said its consolidated net profit rose 12.1 percent in 1992 to 184.7 billion lire (\$124 million).

• Krupp Stabl AG approved plans to shut a steel plant in Rheinhausen, Germany, that will cost 2,200 jobs at the site.

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Asian Insurers Face Higher Costs to Lay Off Risk

International Herald Tribune HONG-KONG — Turmoil in the international reinsurance market, where insurance companies themselves buy protection against future payouts, promises to bring big change to the Asian property and casualty

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Higher premiums, a shakeout among smaller local insurers and lower profits all around are the likely coasequences of an unparalicled global damage bill for 1992's natural catastrophies and a related capital retreat from the reinsurance market worldwide.

The biggest changes in premiums are expected to hit dered much of the risk. individuals seeking protection from wind, flood, fire and general industrial accidents. Christian Mounis, to spread their risks as some of the world's largest managing director of SCOR Re Asia in Hong Kong, predicts a major reassessment in these areas, particularly in catastrophe-prone countries such as the Philippines, Taiwan and Indonesia. Precise increases have

"Insurance companies in Asia are not so much risk-takers as risk-passers," said Jeffrey McNally of Allied Asia Coasultants, an insurance specialist in Singa-pore, "But a big change is coming. The reinsurers still operating here are becoming choosier; insurers will be forced to hold greater risk or pay more for someone

"That in turn will mean many local insurers won't den's Skandia Group and several smaller players in be able to write as many new policies," Mr. McNally added. "Merging with someone else will be the only way for many to survive."

Asian insurers took full advantage of the overcapacity that reigned in the world's reinsurance market until the cycle began to turn over the last 18 months.

An increasing demand for insurance against catastrophe and industrial mishaps in Asia that accompanied the region's stunning economic growth gave local underwriters ample opportunity to collect healthy commissions - as long as international capital shoul-

reinsurers have been chased out of the business. This is the result of several bad years in a row—capped by 1992's long list of disasters estimated to have caused a total of \$25 billion in insured losses—and uncertainty about global weather patterns.

The international market was shaken when the reinsurance unit of Internationale Nederlanden Groep NV, NRG, one of the industry's top 15 reinsur-ers, withdrew in March from a property and casualty market that took in \$80 billion in premiums in 1990. NRG joined Royal Insurance Holdings PLC, Swe-

deciding to quit a business that, according to market leader Munich Re, faced a cumulative bill for 1982-92 that was 12 times as big as the angle of 1982-92. that was 12 times as big as the one for 1960-1970, after adjusting for inflation.

In March, Prudential Insurance Co. in the United States put its reinsurance unit, the country's fifth largest, on the market. Many who remain in business have pulled out of Asia, and those who remain have far less appetite for marginal Asian business.

As for Asia's own reinsurers, they have traditionally shied away from higher-risk business and are unlikely to expand quickly, as long as investment elsewhere in the region provides a better return. "A few years ago the reinsurance business was

market-share driven. Now it's exposure-driven, said Mr. Mounis of SCOR Re Asia. "That is why we may not take up the market share left behind by others."

Reinsurers take on the risks of direct insurers through two methods: by signing a treaty, often with other reinsurers, to take on a share of the direct insurer's portfolio; or by directly underwriting the excess risks incurred by a direct insurer that are not covered in other treaties. The latter is used essentially to cover major risks in industry and public works.

and they keep calling back."

In Europe and the United States, premium increases and higher deductibility provisos have filtered into the market; safer exposure levels are now returning in the aftermath of distortions prompted by overcapacity.

"It is coming in Asia," said Mr. Mounis. "We are at the stage here where the ball has not yet been passed to the insured. Pricing must be reconsidered, and there must be a larger share of the risks with the insured

However, the Asian insurance market apart from Japan is not heavily capitalized. Greater in-house provisioning against risks will restrict local companies ability to write new policies, and reinsurers' new selectivity will eventually drive premium levels up.

"We're getting hit on every side, but we can't fault the reinsurers; they've had a few bad years," said David Rajpal, general manager of general insurance with National Mutual Asia Ltd. in Hong Kong.

"It's probably good in the long run," he said. "It will

put some sanity in the market, but it will force a consolidation.'

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China Seeks to Cool Booming Growth

BELIING - China has started taking steps to cool the economic fever gripping the country, with Beijing, trying to wrestle back control of booming markets and leaders saying that over-

all investment most slow. In a series of announcements this week, Beijing has ordered a clampdown on unapproved foreign exchange trading, a halt to speculative currency futures trading and a reregistration of futures brokerage houses.

On Thursday, a Beijing-controlled Hong Kong newspaper quoted a central government leader as telling enterprises to throttle back on investment schemes, saying China's growth in 1992 had been too rapid to sustain.

"We are not clamping down, but people must feel that there is a clampdown," Wen Wei Po quoted the unidentified leader as saying. "This is because growth of investment last year was

The Hong Kong newspaper, which Beijing sometimes uses to float new policies before they

leader supported limits on new investment and

on construction of infrastructure. "We have never before had such a fast growth of investment and basic infrastructure

enstruction." the official was quoted as saving. The macro-control environment has been comparatively loose," the official said. "The use of new investment has been comparatively large. This has been of great use in establishing

production. "But this year, this unlity will be diminished. Everyone knows infrastructure construction must have set investment, there is always an overall limit. Equilibrium must be maintain

The official's comments follow a month of alarming statistics on China's economic growth, which some overseas analysts say is perilously close to jumping the tracks.

China's economy in the past has been marked

by hair-raising lunches from boom to bust. Gross domestic product grew by 12.8 percent in 1992, and Chinese economists now predict

are officially announced in China, said the lader supported limits on new investment and ment's official forecast of 8 percent.

GDP growth raced along at 14.1 percent year-on-year in the first quarter of this year.

Official figures released this month show fixed-asset investment by state-owned companies surged 71 percent from the year-earlier period. Investment by China's localities grew 80.9 percent, outpacing central investment by

37.6 percentage points. The swing into economic overdrive has al-ready pushed inflation to its highest level since 1988, with the national year-on-year rate at 8.6 percent in the first quarter and the urban rate at 15.7 percent.

Chinese officials, scampering to satisfy Deng Xiaoping's order for faster economic development, are still waving away the threat of economic overheating.
But the Wen Wei Po article, along with the

recent orders for greater control over foreign exchange and futures markets, may indica worties are spreading among the leadership.

A Hong Kong Foothold For Beijing Rocket Maker

HONG KONG - China's rocket and satellite company said Thursday it had purchased 51 percent of a local electronics company, making it the latest enterprise controlled by Beijing to gain a back-door listing on

the Hong Kong stock market through a subsidiary. China Aerospace Industrial Corp. said it had bought control of Conic Investment Co. for 233.1 million Hong Kong dol-

lars (\$30.2 million). CAIC, which is controlled by China's State Council, has launched 36 satellites, including

two mainland companies, Bank of China Group and China Re-sources Group, since 1984, and these enterprises were the sellers of the 51 percent stake.

Analysis say CAIC was likely to follow the example set by other Chinese corporations, which have bought companies listed in Hong Kong and used them for investing in a wide range of local and mainland Chinese business ventures.

The best-known example is China International Trust & Investment Corp., or CITIC, which set up a company in Hong

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Exxon Chemical Co., Amoco Chemical Co. and China American Petrochemical Co. of Taiwan, have formed a joint-venture company to build and operate a \$600 tons per year of paraxylene and 90 tons per year of paraxylene and 9 benzene, and will start production in 1996.

• China Petroleum Corp. will build a \$2 billion oil refinery in Indonesia in partnership with three local companies, according to an official of Barlto Pacific, one of the Indonesian partners.

 Newmont Mining Corp. of the United States sold its 14 percent stake in the Australian gold miner Newcrest Mining Ltd. for \$68 million; New-crest also announced that net profit in the first quarter of this year fell 12.7 percent to 8.9 million Australian dollars (\$6.4 million).

 Hong Kong had a trade deficit of 6.04 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$775 million) in March, wider than the year-earlier 5.59 billion dollars.

· Barclays Bank has become the first of Britain's big banks licensed to open an office in Vietnam, trade ministry officials said.

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Beating Padres, **Phillies Stretch** Lead in the East

game home stand.

second straight

Pedro Astacio allowed six hits in

six-plus innings and got relief help from Pedro Martinez. Marlins 3, Braves 1: In Atlanta,

Benito Santiago's infield single in

the ninth inning drove in the go-ahead run, and Orestes Destrade

followed with a sacrifice fly off former Cy Young Award winner

Steve Bedrosian as Florida won its

first time under .500 since June.

The Braves fell to 11-12, their

Cardinals 7, Rockies 6: In Den-

ver, Rod Brewer singled home the

winning run with two outs in the ninth after two Colorado fielders

allowed a pop fly to drop between

Rockies closer Darren Holmes

walked the bases loaded with one

out before Luis Alicea's soft pop-

up fell between shortstop Vinny Castilla and left fielder Jerald

Clark, allowing the tying run to score. Rob Murphy, the fourth

Cardinals pitcher, got the victory.

Reds 4, Pirates 2: Cincinnati
turned five double plays behind
Tim Pugh and rode Joe Oliver's

three-run homer to victory over vis-

Although they're not quite running away with the National League East, the Philadelphia Phillies are putting a good measure of distance between themselves and the rest of the pack.

Curt Schilling pitched seven innings of shutout ball and Ricky Jordan continued his hot streak

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since replacing the injured John Kruk as Philadelphia beat San Diego, 5-3, Wednesday night, increasing its division lead to 3½ games.
At a major-league best 15-5 with two games left in April, the Phillies

surpassed their previous highest victory total for April — 14 in 1979. It remains to be seen how long the Phillies can keep it up. The victory over the Padres kicked off a seven-game West Coast trip that several players see as an important indicator of the team's future.

"It's a big trip for us," said second baseman Mickey Morandini. "Last year we went out there and pretty much buried ourselves. We

have to win a series or two." Dave Hollins used the same words: "We've been buried out there a few times.

The fast start has happened without much of a contribution from ace starter Terry Mulholland, tagged with three of the five losses, or from leadoff hitter Len Dykstra batting just 203. Also, outfielder Milt Thompson is struggling at .185. Shortstops Juan Bell (.189) and Kim Batiste (.188) aren't per-

forming.
Schilling was five outs away from his second straight shutout before the Padres scored two runs in the eighth. Mitch Williams worked the bottom of the ninth for his eighth save despite allowing a run after loading the bases with

Jordan went 3-for-4 with one RBI and two runs scored for the second straight night in place of Kruk, sidelined since Monday with a hamstring injury.

Astros 6, Cubs 1: In a game

played in just two hours in Houston, Greg Swindell won his fourth straight start, giving up seven hits in eight innings.

The Astros scored four runs in the second off Chicago starter Jose Guzman and made it 6-0 in the Giants 4, Mets 3: In San Francisco, Matt Williams hit an RBI single

with two outs in the bottom of the ninth as the Giants rallied for the second straight inning against New ing the eighth, but rallied for three runs. Howard Johnson tied the

game in the top of the ninth with a sacrifice fly before Williams drove home Mike Benjamin with the game-winning run. Jeff Innis was charged with the

loss and Rod Beck got the victory. Dodgers 6, Expos 1: Eric Karros and Eric Davis hit solo home runs and Brett Butler scored twice on Montreal mistakes as Los Angeles put a just-completed 1-6 road trip

An Olympic Bid Is Alive and Well in Manchester

MANCHESTER—How can a place like this win the right to stage the

Olympic Games? There might never be a positive answer, but Manchester, known for dreary weather and depressed indus-try, is researching the question intensely at a cost of £5.5 million.

Manchester is competing against five cities to host the 2000 Summer Olympics. The favorites are Sydney and Beijing,

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followed by Manchester, Istanbul, Berlin and Brasilia. Recently, two voters from the International Olympic Committee were invited here for a long weekend to hear Manchester's pitch.

Considering protocol, a cynic won-Does each IOC voter take his bribe in

cash, or is it deposited to his Swiss bank account? Is a handshake agreement considered valid? In what cases is blackmail deemed necessary? When do the naked women come out and dance on the tables?

The meeting began on a Thursday morning. Either all the dancers had slept in, or they were never invited. Coffee was poured in their absence. After a short presentation by the director Manchester 2000, Robert Scott, the room went dark for the showing of a videotape. Here we went. What was this going to be? Bared to us all were Prime Minister John Major's teeth. They are perfect teeth, absolutely,

and he is less sexy than many nuns.

But he is credible — regarding the Olympics, at least - and so, as lunchtime

approached, was Manchester. Gathered around a large square table, the city's dozen representatives avoided no IOC question, and their answers revealed a belief that they should host the Olympics. That self-confidence was the most significant revelation, since nobody outside of power seems to think Manchester has a prayer.

If the public suspects that votes are secured deceitfully under the table - and no doubt some are - it's because the lobbying is so ridiculously muddied. On Sept. 23 in Monte Carlo, the IOC's 91 voting members will cast their ballots. disqualifying the last-place city after each round, until only two remain. I'm predict-ing now, perhaps naively, that it will come down to Sydney and Manchester.

Beijing is touted as Sydney's main competition, and many think the IOC voters in their self-possessed grandeur can't resist unveiling China at the dawn of the century. If this is true, then this is crazy. For the next seven years they would be pinning their Olympic ideal to the whims of a powerful and unfathomable government. Will the commercial sponsors appreciate the association?

Everyone understands that the Chinese have suddenly released survivors of the bloody crackdown on the democracy movement to appease the new U.S. administration and the IOC. No one can predict what course the Chinese would take with the validation as Olympic host in their pocket.

Recalling the praise adorned by the press on "the new China" before the public massacre of its brightest minds in

1989, it is all too soon to take them at face value again. Perhaps this is giving the IOC members too much credit — the public considers them a pampered, pompous lot — but a reasonable guess is that IOC voters were petrified when the Chinese referred to them as "gods." Never mind bribery; are they comfortable being deified? After all, they have to live with the Chinese for the next seven years,

Manchester's Olympic stadium and supporting complex would be built on polluted, derelict land.

much as Britain is having to deal with Beijing over Hong Kong today.
Don't forget, the IOC snubbed a 100th anniversary Games in Athens. If they want truly to influence the world beyond sports, the voters should ask China politely to bid again for the 2004 Games. In another four years, one hopes, there would be no doubt of Beijing as a won-

derful Olympic host.

From the grandeur of Beijing, then, to the homeliness of Manchester — it tests the imagination. When the IOC is taken to the Manchester site where an Olympic stadium and supporting complex would be built, they see polluted derelict land, a doomed industrial plot.

"The great problem is when you try to show people detellction as opportunity," Scott says. "All they see is detellction."

Scott, a theater manager in Manches-ter, was listening to Prime Minister Mar-garet Thatcher on the radio in 1985 as she promoted London as Britain's Olympic hope. He was so incensed by her slight of anchester that he created a committee to win the Games for his northern city. He failed in his first attempt, earning just five votes in the compension for the 1996 Games won by Atlanta.

"I knew we were not going to win the last time." Scott says. "The first thing is to not deceive yourself. There is a tendency for bid cities to think they're going to win because they believe at face value what's told them. I have no illusion that the quickest way to get rid of someone canvassing you is to tell them you're going to vote for them. This is a world in which you can deceive yourself very, very easily, and most people do."

HAVING SAID that, he believes he has supporters, because no competitor has been courting the IQC longer. His bid, underwritten by the British government, is solid. The Olympic village would be built along a canal, in warehouses converted into elegant brick hous-ing, giving every athlete a private bedroom. Athletes could walk to 14 of the 25 venues. Seven other venues would be within a 20-minute drive of the Village. But Australia's bid is just as sound, and sumny Sydney is a glamourous contrast to gray and rundown Manchester.

But Scott declares that Manchester's

enced by more than contemporary appearances. He believes the IOC feels comfortable dealing with his staff, a key factor in the seven years to come, when most of the IOC members will find it more convenient to travel to England then to Australia. He points out that 15 of the 22 Summer Olympics have been held in Europe, this trend returning the Games to Europe every other time. Perhaps it is all hogwash. Or perhaps

than 2 centimeters (.7 inches) of rainfall

in July and August - lower than the rate

in Atlanta, Montreal or Paris, He touts

Fneland's enduring relationship with the

IOC, it being the only nation to have won

medals at every Olympics, winter and summer. He tells a story of the Olympics

rejuvenating Manchester for the coming century, just as his city led the West into the industrial age a century ago:

Will anyone buy into this? The major

ity of IOC voters will have visited most of

the cities. Scott hopes they will be influ-

as a voter, if you like Scott, and you listen to him long enough, your perceptions change. On Sept. 23, then, here are the choices: Brasilia, which is totally unprepared; Istanbul, which at this stage would also be overwhelmed; Berlin, whose bid has practically been disqualified by scandal, domestic opposition and

violence against foreigners, and Beijing. Sydney should be a sunny, efficient and gorgeous bost. And yet, if the Australian presentation stumbles this sum-mer, if doubt is revealed, and, I know it

to gray and rundown Manchester.
Scott declares that Manchester's Perhaps the world should pack unner climate is perfect, averaging less brellas, just in case.

9th-Inning Home Run Sours Abbott's Return to Anaheim as a Yankee



Kansas City's Greg Gagne beat the tag attempt by Pat Borders, the Blue Jays' catcher, to score from third base. The Roys

Abbott: He was pitching in Ana-heim Stadium with few runs to work with. After Mark Langston pitched seven no-hit innings against the Yankees on Wednesday, New York came back to tie the score in the

ninth on Danny Tartabull's tworun double. But Abbott, pitching in Anaheim for the first time since his December trade, gave up a leadoff homer to Tim Salmon in the bottom of the inning, giving California a 3-2 victory.

'It was a tough game to lose," Abbott said. "It was a lot of fun to his game, he's tough for anybody to beat. Maybe on a different night."
Langston (3-0) pitched a three-

hitter and struck out 13 for his third complete game this season. Randy Velarde got New York's first but when he led off the en with a sharp single up the middle. "I felt bad for Jim, but I'll take

it," Langston said. Abbott (1-4) pitched a five-hitter for his second complete game this year. He struck out three and walked one.

"I feel for him having to take a loss like that," Salmon said. "But he's on the other side now, so I'm happy for Mark."

California got two runs in the fourth. Rene Gonzales blooped an RBI single just over first baseman Don Mattingly's head and beyond the fingertips of diving second four-run third, and Baltimore Scott Brow lost in his major baseman Mike Gallego. Salmon snapped a 4-4 tie with four unscored, and Tartabull's bouncing earned runs in the sixth off Scott and five hits in six inmings.

The Associated Press throw from right to second — too
It was just like old times for Jim late to get Gonzales — glanced off shortstop Spike Owen's glove and into shallow center, J.T. Snow scored from third on Tartabull's

> Red Sox 3, Athletics 1: Frank Viola (4-1) gave up three hits, struck out four and walked four in

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7% innings. Jeff Russell pitched 1% perfect innings for his fourth save, sending Oakland to its ninth loss in

Mo Vaughn homered as the visitcome back here and to pitch against Mark, but it was bitter-sweet. Mark pitched great, kept us off-balance. When he's at the top of

Mariners 4, Indians 0: Ken Grif-fey Jr. had three hits, including his seventh home run of the season, and drove in three runs as Seattle completed a three-game sweep of the visiting Indians

Erik Hanson (3-0) allowed four hits, struck out seven and walked two. Jeff Nelson, Russ Swan and Norm Charlton finished, with Charlton striking out Carlos Martinez for his third save, Jeff Mutis (1-2) allowed four runs and five hits in five innings.

Orioles 8, Twins 4: Cal Ripken. hit a three-run homer as Baltimore extended visiting Minnesota's losing streak to six, its longest since a seven-game slide in April 1990.

Ripken's homer highlighted a ery got six outs for his sixth save.

Erickson (0-3). Baltimore had lost three straight and six of seven. Arthur Rhodes (I-1), who came

in with a 13.97 carned run average, allowed four runs and seven hits in 6% innings. Pedro Munoz homered twice for the Twins.

White Sox 11. Brewers 2: Frank Thomas continued his hot hitting with a two-run borner, and Kirk McCaskill (2-3) allowed one run and six hits in seven innings against Milwankee in Chicago.

Cal Eldred (3-2) was tagged for six runs and mine hits in just four innings. The Milwaukee manager, Phil Garner, was ejected in the ninth by the home plate umpire, John Shulock, for arguing a called third strike on Alex Diaz.

Rangers 6, Tigers 5: Julio Franco doubled home the winning run in the 11th as Texas rallied from a 5-1 deficit in the eighth to beat visiting

Rafael Palmeiro led off the 11th (0-1). Franco took two strikes attempting to bunt, then delivered his game-winning hit.

Tom Henke (1-0) got his first victory for Texas. He pitched three innings for the first time since Sept.

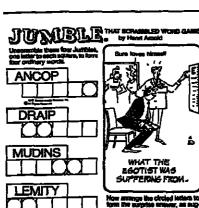
Royals 5, Blue Jays 3: Mark Gardner (2-1) pitched six-hit ball for seven innings as visiting Kansas City stopped Toronto's four-game ning streak. Gardner allowed all three runs, struck out six and walked two before Jeff Montgom-

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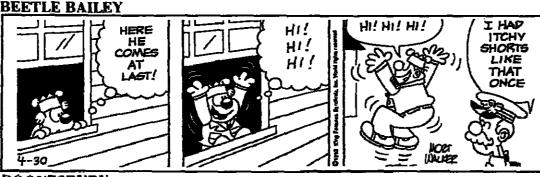
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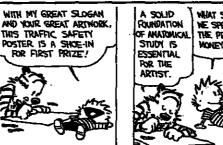




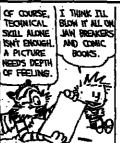














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SPORTS HORSE PACENCE

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By Joseph Durso

New York Times Service
LOUISVILLE, Kentucky — There is a horse galloping around the track at Churchill Downs these mornings without a saddle. He is El Bakan, "the Big Shot" from Panama. His owner On my contract to date to a state of the Olimba contract for the total contract of the Olimba contract of the total contract of the says he'll be wearing a saddle in the 119th Kentucky Derby on Saturday, but "this is the way they train them in South America."

There is another horse here, named Rockamundo, who ran the fastest mile and an eighth of the year for 3-year-olds when he won the Arkansas Derby in 1:48. People think his name is amusing. So were the odds he beat when he won in Arkansas two weeks ago: 108-1. He has another peculiarity besides beating long odds:

He tends to hold his breath during races, like a
child throwing a tantrum. His jockey, Calvin Borel, overcame that problem by leaning down and poking Rockamundo in the belly.

Then there is Kissin Kris, who gets flustered.

Churchill Downs in a barn far from the 18 or so other Derby horses. He is so sensitive to crowd noise that he sweats profusely in the paddock. So, he will face his public and his rivals on Saturday with a protective piece of equipment: earmuffs. That's right, a hood with earmuffs to keep out the crowd noise.

All this is not to suggest that these are 19 oddballs getting primed for the Kentucky Derby. But this is 20 years after Secretariat reigned over the Derby with majesty, and one year after Arazi commanded an international following with tride New the curbole of this product. with style. Now, the symbols of this year's wide open, go-for-it Derby are a 108-1 long shot and a horse who trains without a saddle.

"Everybody," said D. Wayne Lukas, pin-pointing the mood, "thinks he can step up and hit a home run in this Derby."

In the draw on Thursday, Prairie Bayou, the Blue Grass winner, drew the No. 5 post postion and was made the early 5-2 favorile.

The second favorite in the field was Santa Anita Derby winner Personal Hope, at 7-2. He will break from the No. 7 post position. Storm Tower, winner of the Wood Memorial, was the third favorite of the Wood Memorial, was the third favorite of the Wood Memorial, was the started running the Breeder's Cup nine third favorite at 9-2 but will break from the No. 1 post position.

The unusual tone is probably fed by the fact that only two of the starters, Prairie Bayou and olds. The five top finishers in the Breeder's Cup

vears ago, no juvenile champion has gone on to win the Derby.

The inx has already struck this year's 3-year-

Two decades after Secretariat, the symbols of this Derby are a 108-1 shot and a horse who wears earmuffs. Juvenile on Oct. 31 were Gilded Time, It'sali'lk-

Storm Tower, have won more than one graded stakes race this year. Diazo has never won one. El Bakan, who won seven straight starts in Panama, ran second in the Lexington Stakes in his only appearance in the United States. The tone is heightened by the absence of the the earmulis did. leading 2-year-olds of last season. If you win

nownfact, River Special, Living Vicariously and Mountain Cat. For a variety of medical and artistic reasons, none of them even got to Churchill Downs this spring. But the horse with

leading 2-year-olds of last season. If you win the Breeder's Cup Juvenile in the fall, you are a year's bunch, it is the losing streak suffered by

Derby favorites. Since Spectacular Bid won in 1979, no favorite has won the Derby.

Tom Bohannan, who trains Prairie Bayou. for John Ed Anthony's Lablolly Stable, considered the weight of recent history and said, "It just might be an indication of just how tough this race is to win."

On Thursday, Bohannan entered only Prairie Bayou in the draw, after fretting over whether to also enter Marked Tree and go with a twohorse team.

While most of the Derby horses were exercising lightly after their final hard workouts, Storm Tower ran a fast half-mile in 48 seconds flat in his last serious work before the race. He galloped out another furlong and was clocked in 1:0235. His trainer, Ben Perkins Jr., reported that the colt, the winner of the Wood Memorial. "just galloped through the lane, pricking his

Perkins also said he wasn't troubled by the

sonal Hope for the early lead. "I'd like to be two or three lengths in front all the way around," he said. "Our horse is just as fast as his. If he breaks sharp and nice, we might go for it."

The field, in position order, with jockeys and odds: Storm Tower, Rick Wilson, 9-2; Kissin Kris, Jose Santos, 30-1; Truth of It All, Jorge Velasquez, 8-1; Union City, Patrick Valenzuela, 8-1; Prairie Bayou, Mike Smith, 5-2; Sea Hero, Jerry Bailey, 30-1; Personal Hope, Gary Stevens, 7-2; Rockamundo, Calvin Borel, 20-1; Stevens, 7-2; Rockamundo, Calvin Borel, 20-1; Silver of Silver, Jacinto Vasquez, 8-1; Bull Inthe Heather, Wigaberto Ramos, 10-1; Tossofthe-coin, Laffit Pincay Jr., 8-1; Mi Cielo, Aaron Gryder, 8-1; Wild Gale, Shane Sellers, 8-1; Ragtime Rebel, Ronnie Lester, 8-1; Dixieland Heat, Randy Romero, 15-1; Wallenda, Pat Day, 15-1; Corby, Chris McCarron, 12-1; Diazo. Kent Desormeaux, 12-1, and El Bakan,

In Battle of Quebec, Canadiens Oust Nordiques

The Associated Press It took until the Battle of Quebec

was over for the cliches to end and for the Montreal Canadiens to ad-After losing the first two games of the first this sa four consecutive games, ending with Wednesday's 6-2 victory in

> "After those first two games, it seemed everyone outside of this

> > STANLEY CUP

dressing room thought we were out of it, maybe even in a sweep," Kirk Muller said: "In the end, I guess it was pride that turned it around for

"Especially with the French guys," he said. There was no way guys, ne sau. I have any because we wanted to lose, not only because it was the first round, but because of the rivalry with Quebec Sometimes pride can push you to the Section 11 Brenewall limits.

The Canadiens found an unlikely hero in Paul DiPietro, a seldomused second-year center who scored three goals and added an assist while replacing the injured Stephan Lebean. Muller and Gilbert Dionne also

scored for Montreal, which has three days off before the division final against the Buffalo Sabres, which begins Sunday at the Forum. Goaltending proved the biggest difference. Patrick Roy, a Quebec

inclinate. City native, played his best hockey of the season in the Montreal net, while Ron Hertall's play in the
"Nordiques net dropped sharply in
the last two games after four bril-

not much better tonight," said Hextall, who was replaced by Ste-phane Fiset after allowing Montre-net," Hunter said. "I didn't know Hextall, who was replaced by Steal's fourth goal at 17:08 of the sec- he scored. I was just finishing my al's fourth g

Hextall went back in at 9:43 of the third period, allowed DiPietro's third goal on a breakaway at 11:23 and immediately was replaced again by Fiset, who allowed only the final goal to Dionne.

Islanders 5, Capitals 3: In Uniondale, New York, the Islanders lost their only star, but gained the right to face the star-studded Pittsburgh Penguins in the next round. In the process of winning the first-round Patrick Division semifi-

Wednesday, New York lost the services of Pierre Turgeon. "We'll have a very difficult road ahead," said General Manager Don Maloney. Referring to Tur-geon, he added: "He has been our key guy. The focus of our team is on him; we're building around him,

and it's a devastating blow." Turgeon was blasted into the boards from behind by Washington's Dale Hunter several strides after scoring his fourth goal of the playoffs for a 5-1 Islanders lead.

It was enough to assure the vic-tory and send the Islanders into the division finals against the defend-ing Stanley Cup champion Penguins, starting Sunday,

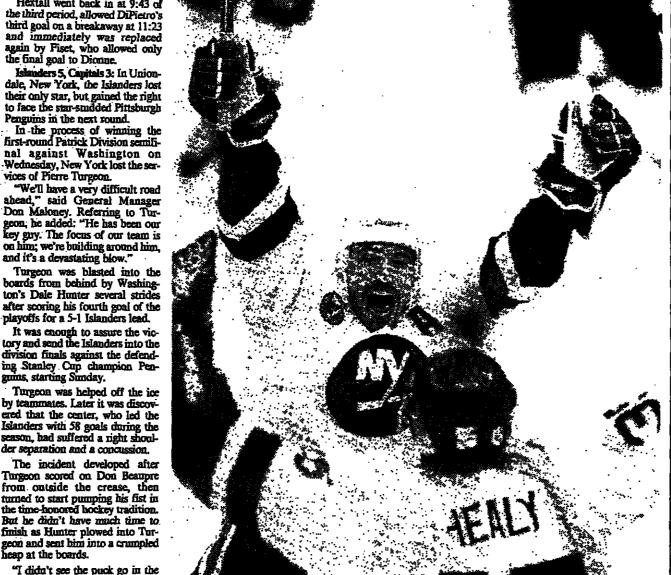
Turgeon was helped off the ice by teammates. Later it was discovered that the center, who led the Islanders with 58 goals during the season, had suffered a right shoulder separation and a concussion.

The incident developed after Turgeon scored on Don Beaupre from outside the crease, then turned to start pumping his fist in the time-honored bockey tradition. But he didn't have much time to liant outings.

"I played poorly in Game 5 and heap at the boards.

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check. It was a clean check."



Ray Ferraro celebrating with goalie Glenn Healy after the Islanders 5-3 triumph over the Capitals.

In Playoff Debut, Hornets Don't Fear Venerable Celtics

All those championship banners and retired uniform numbers at Boston Garden must be

intimidating for the Charlotte

Hornets. "It doesn't mean nothing to us," Kenny Gattison said of the Celtics' tradition of playoff success. "We don't have enough sense to worry about it. This is our first playoffs, and we're just

pumped up." Flying against caution, the Hornets have admitted that they would rather play fourth-place Boston in the first round of the National Basketball Association playoffs, beginning Thursday night, than New York, Chicago or Cleveland, the top three teams in the Eastern Conference.

With Alonzo Mourning and Larry Johnson leading the way, the Hornets have reason to be optimistic.
"We know Boston can't run

with us and we need to take that advantage," Mourning said. "I think we can overpower them with our endurance and speed." "When [the ball] is in my hands, they're going to have to run with me," said the point guard Muggsy Bogues, who is recovering from a groin injury, but says he is 90 percent of full

other playoff series beginning Thursday were San Antonio at Portland and the Los Angeles Clippers at Houston in the Westat Cleveland in the East. On Friday night, it is the Los Angeles Lakers at Phoenix, At-

lanta at Chicago, Indiana at New York and Utah at Seattle. The Celtics, with Sherman

guard, believe they can run with the younger Hornets. Kevin Gamble, Reggie Lewis and Xavier McDaniel also like that style.

Brown appears recovered from a minor hip injury. Kevin McHale is bothered by a sore back, but probably will play. McHale, believed to be on the verge of retiring, is crucial if Boston is to cope with the rebound-

ing of Mourning and Johnson.
"We just have to make sure
that we slow Muggsy up," Lewis
said. "We can't allow him to get

With Alonzo Mourning and Larry Johnson leading the way, the Hornets have reason to be optimistic.

into the heart of our defense. breaking us down and dishing off to the big guys cutting to the

In the West, Phoenix had 23 more regular-season victories than the Lakers, a 5-0 sweep of the season series and its lucky wrist bands as advantages against the Lakers.

The Suns' guard Danny Ainge began the practice of wearing a rubber band on his left wrist. Now he and his teammates Dan Majerle and Frank Johnson are doing it, and Majerle was wearfooter (10 meters) at the buzzer that beat the Lakers, 115-114, on April 6 and gave the Suns the 5-0

"I'm wearing 'em for luck." said Majerie, who sometimes carries as many as four. "When they wear out, I just break out a new bag.

Ainge started the practice when he was with the Celtics. He remembered seeing Wilt Chamberlain wearing rubber bands around his socks to keep them up. Then he saw Maurice Checks of Philadelphia wearing a rubber band on his wrist.

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"Cheeks proceeded to work me over in that game," Aingr said. "He put up some bug numbers. Anyway, the next time we played Philly, I thought Γ . try to mess with Cheeks a little.' "I put a rubber band on my

left wrist," he continued. "When we walked onto the floor for the opening tip, I showed him my wrist and said, 'Hey, Mo, I've got the rubber band this time. It was meant as a joke. Funny thing is, I had a huge game. I've just been doing it ever since."

Ainge suggested Majerie start wearing a band as a way to break out of a shooting shamp.

"Majerle put one on, and his shots immediately began to fall," Ainge said. As the only one of 16 playoff

teams with a losing record, the Lakers are the eighth seed in the Western Conference playoffs.

The Suns' 62-20 record was the best in the NBA this season and the best in franchise history. Los Angeles was 39-43, good only for fifth in the Pacific Division.

SIDELINES

Savyedati Is 1.000 Guineas Winner

NEWMARKET, England (AP) — Walter Swinburn rode Sayyedati to victory in the 1,000 Guineas on Thursday, the third time in five years the jockey has won the opening race of England's classic series.

Swinburn held Sayyedati off the pace until the halfway mark, and then charged through on the rail to win the one-mile race for 3-year-old fillies.

Sayyedati, trained in England by Clive Brittain and owned by Mohammed Obaida, won by half a length over Niche, ridden by Lester Piggott. Favored Elizabeth Bay, a French-trained filly, never got up with the leaders in the 12-horse race and finished eighth.

French Beat Swiss in World Hockey

MUNICH (AP) - France scored twice in the last period to beat

Switzerland, 3-1, on Thursday and avoid the relegation game at the World Ice Hockey Championship.

It was a batter disappointment for the Swiss, who finished fourth at last year's tournament after reaching the semifinals. Switzerland is now in danger of having to qualify for next year's Winter Olympics in Lilleanian. mer, Norway. In the second game of the first round in the relegation playoff, Norway was to play Austria late Thursday.

Switzerland went ahead at 6:17 of the game on a power-play goal by

center Felix Hollenstein. Left wing Peter Almasy tied the score at 13:56, flicking the puck into the net unassisted, barely reaching with his stick from behind the cage. He also gave France the lead for good at 4:43 of the third period. Pierrick Maia completed the French victory, scoring on an empty net with one second remaining in the game.

Serb Basketball Star Injures Head

ATHENS (AP) - Slobodan Jankovic, a Serbian basketball star, was in ATHENS (AP) — Slobodan Jankovic, a Serbian baskerball star, was in danger of becoming a paraplegic on Thursday after he rammed his head against a cement support to protest a referee's call during a semifinal game for the Greek championship.

The incident occurred Wednesday night with six minutes left to go and Panionios four points behind Pananhinaikos of Athens. Despite Jankovic's 17 points and tight defensive play, Panathinaikos went on to win 65-

Value 17 points and ught discussed Paly, in the final against Olympiakos Piraeus.

With several players fighting for a rebound, the referee called a fifth foul on Jankovic, who reacted angrily. Waving his arms in disbelief that he had fouled out, Jankovic suddenly moved toward the end line and he had fouled out. rammed his head against the cement blocks supporting the basket. He bounced back and slumped to the floor in a pool of blood. The team doctor said on Thursday that it was "99.99 percent certain Jankovic's legs will be paralyzed, while his arms will be parally disabled." The 2.06meter (6-foot, 8-inch) center played for Red Star of Belgrade before moving to Panionios of Athens last year.

Cowboys Meet Skins in '93 Opener

NEW YORK (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys, the National Football League Super Bowl champions, will open their 1993 season with a Monday night matching against the Washington Redskins, their traditional rivals, at RFK Stadium on Sept. 6.

The Buffalo Bills, losers of the last three Super Bowls, will open at home against New England on Sept. 5, the NFL announced Wednesday. The NFL playoffs will begin with wild-card games on Jan. 8-9. The divisional playoffs will be held Jan. 15-16, with the winners advancing to the AFC and NFC championship games on Jan. 23. The Super Bowl will be Jan. 30 at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta.

For the Record

The former German soccer international Bernd Schuster, 33, is to move back home from Atletico Madrid to Bayer Leverkusen next season. Schuster has not played in the Bundesliga for 13 years after moving to Spain to join Barcelona from Cologne in 1980 and then moving on to Real Madrid and Atletico. He played for the German national team from

England's soccer midfielder Paul Gascoigne was undergoing an opera-tion on a broken checkbone on Thursday after being elbowed in the head by Jan Wonters during the the World Cup qualifier against the Netherlands on Wednesday.

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TRANSACTIONS

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CHICAGO WHITE SOX—activated Dave Steb, pitcher, from 15-day disabled list. Optioned Rod Botton, pitcher, to Noshville, AA. MILWAUKEE—Signed Por Listach, shortston, to 3-vear contract extension. Put Robin Yount, outfletder, on 15-day disabled list. SEATTLE—Cloimed Zok Shinali, pitcher, off wolvers from Cleveland and optioned him to Calgary, PCL. Activated Walty Bockman, infielder, from 15-day disabled list. Optioned Brat Boone, second baseman, to Calgary. Cloimed Steve Paris, pitcher, off walvers from LA Dodgers and assigned him to Jacisonville, SL. Put Chris, Bosle, pitcher, or 15-day disabled 8ts. Bought contract of Dennis Powell. pitcher, from Colgary, Transferres Brian Holman, pitcher, from 15 do dov disabled list. TORONTO—Put Al Letter, pitcher, on 15-day disabled list. SAM Financial League
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OETROIT—Fired Ros Rethstein, coach, FOOTBALL National Footboll Lague BUFFALO BILLS—Extended contract of Marv Levy, coach, through 1996. CHICAGO—Agreed to terms with Stone Mathems, mysterboles. reid, Scott McGowan, Sheldon Forehand, and Clarence Sevillian, wide receivers; Mark

Staten, and Derrick Gray, offensive linemen;

Ciarence Sevillian, wide receivers; Mark States, and Derrick Gray, affensive linemen; Brad Leba, quarterback; Rvan Benlumin, Ron Williams and Mike Foulkerson, ruming backs; David Frisch, fight end; Artis Ford, defensive end; Darlus Hodler, defensiveback; Brion Plotrowski, Offensive backe; and Brad Smith, Gary Casper, and Karmeelevah McGitt. Brebackers; Scott Brumfield and Dannell Johnson, tackles; and Charmysi Amle, safety. DENVER—Bobby Marks, scout, resisted, Hush Davidson, scout, retired.

GREEN BAY—Signed Tyrone Shavers, wide receiver, and Steve Rainschelb, augmetraback. L.A. RAMS—Signed Bill Hawkins, defensive end; Phillip Boba, wide receiver; Nick subs, offensive Indeman; Jerone Davison, running back; and Brion Townsend, linebacker; N.Y. JETS—Wolved Shelton Canley, running back. Agreed to terms with Makek Bassaka, linebacker; Rober! Davis and James Spencer, defensive backles; Rick safes Shenvin, effensive tackles; Rick safes Shenvin, effensive tackles; Rick safes Shenvin, effensive tackles; Rick safes of Carls Spencer, wide receivers; Dama Plart, safety; Jamie Radmond, connerback; and John Bruhlin, guard, PHILADELPHIA—Signed Brage Elibers, ruming back.

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PHOENIX—Signed George Searcy and Carl Tremble, running bocks: Nathan Labuka. defensive bock: John Bende, quarterback: Dexter Butcher, Darren Sichkmann and Ed Salitwar, wide receivers; Chad Fants, and Darren Schilmann. Hight ends; Robert Garman and Marty Melicalm, guard; Mille Moody, fockle; Garry Pay, Center; Wille Richards, detensive and; and Edward Wooder. Bimbascler. fockle; Garry Pay, Center; Willie Kicharus, de-tensive end; and Edward Wooden, Breatcler; SAN DIEGO—Signed Robert Brosher; flight end; Otis Sterling, wide receiver; Dwovne Arnos, cornerbock; Sleve Dork, haffback; Scall Koplan, kicker; Everette McIver, defen-sive tockle; and Albe Williams, free ander. WASHINGTON—Signed Vince Jordan and Michael LeSure, wide receivers; Yannie Jack-son and Alan Cross, flight ends; Kurt Loertscher, Instacker; and Rovalda Parsons, center.

HOCKEY

Notice National Hockey League

OTTAWA-Signed Chad Penney, left wing.

TAMPA BAY-Numed Jeff Marander director of licket operations and Paul D'Alute
director of anies.

COLLEGE NCAA—Named Brandl Brooks, Masa Ores-kovic, Brenden Cooney, Chris Wilson Calvin Bowers, Erik Medcou, Tomi Fisher, Julie Fil-pus and Lynes Kraskouskas to student-othmen's baskelball cooch. CLEVELAND ST.—No DENISON-Named William DREXEL-Named Lew Meehi men's soo

F. COAST CONFERENCE -- Added Trav St.

cach. GEORGETOWN—Named Robert F. Benton football couch.

GRAND CANYON—Names Julie Hanks warnen's basketball coach. KEENE ST.—All othletic programs from tell of 1997 LAWRENCE—Named Kim Tatro women's volleyball and softball coach. LSU-Kirk Gestring, forward, will transfer

GENEVA-Named Gene DeMorco

o Pepperding.

MASSACHUSETTS—Named Bonnie Ken

SOCKY MOUNTAIN—Named Doug Bo nett football Coach. ROWAN—Named K.C. Keeler fo

tiling coach.
SENIOR BOWL—Named Steve Hale o

withdrew from school.

5. CAROLINA—Named Erika Austin and Michelle Schmitt assistant sports information directors.

SOUTHWESTERN, KAN.—Named Manty and Lands and Austin and Manty and Lands and Manty. Lewis tootball coach, SPRINGFIRLD—Named Britt Brewer men's creas country coact, SUNY-ALBANY—Named Mills Richards

SUNY-ALBANY—Named Mill Richards athletic director, effective July 1.

SYRACUSE—Miles Cowley, Suphambre quarterback will ironafer to James Madison,
TEXAS A&M—John David Crew, athletic director, resigned.
TEXAS CHRISTIAN—Named Paul Simp-son assistant sports information director. WOFFORD—Named Drew Worsen, run-ning back cooch offensive fine coach, Wede Lans, effensive coordinator, will assume du-less of running backs and quarterbacks coach.

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OBSERVER

My Unaccomplishments

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK — I was startled to read in Art Buchwald's syndicated humor column the other day that he does not play golf. I know for a fact he plays polo, because when I first met him years ago in Srinagar he challenged me to a chukkar.

I had to confess I couldn't even ride a horse, much less play polo. So he challenged me to water polo. and I had to admit I'd flunked

high-school swimming.
"Never mind." he said, inviting me into a club for chotapegs at the bar. We could play the match game to decide who paid the bill, he said. "Sorry, old chap." I told him, for India was still British that year, "but I don't know what a chotapeg game and have been blackballed from this club." is, never learned to play the match

Whether because of the blackballing or my impressive list of unaccomplishments I do not know, but he cut me in Calcutta next time I saw him. I had read in The Ronald Colman of India Times that Buchwald had challenged the viceroy to a bit of pigsticking. Not surprisingly, the C. Aubrey Smith Arena proved to be sold out when I sought a ticket for the event.

I say "not surprisingly" because arenas, stadiums, theaters and even

A Turkish Candlestick Sets an Auction Record

International Herald Tribune LONDON - A Turkish faience candlestick was sold Thursday at Sotheby's for a record £617,500 (about \$970,000). This is the highest price ever paid at auction for a Turkish objet d'art, or indeed any in manne object. It was bought by tag arre Soustiel, a Paris dealer in or himse

batirThe candlestick belongs to a Milt up of less than 10 pieces decoand K dered by specialists to have formir made at Iznik (ancient Ni-) in the late 15th century. No from er piece compares with it for its before, clearly inspired from a me-in lic prototype, or for the detail of wore decoration, based on manuript illumination.

gymnasiums showing high-school operettas are always sold out when I try to buy tickets. I never learned

to buy tickets. In his memoirs. Buchwald denied cutting me on the Squash Club steps that afternoon. He had just finished giving Rudyard Kipling the worst squash thrashing of his life and was too exhilarated, he said, to study the baksheesh seekers on the club steps.

After returning to the States via Penang and London, where my unaccomplishments were expanded by years of wondering what the point of it all was. I enjoyed a small reputation as the man you'd most

hate to spend a long weekend with.

Besides not playing golf, tennis,
squash, volleyball, polo, water
polo, softball, hardball, two-hand touch, basketball, hopscotch, jacks, croquet and Scrabble, I did not dive off the high board, jump fences on horseback, jog. hike, camp, work out on the weight machine, fish, hunt or listen to police calls on shortwave radio.

When people said, "Just send a fax," I said, "I don't fax." I didn't dare speak the truth, saying, "I'm afraid to fax because I don't know how to fax, and I'm afraid if I try to fax I'll hit the wrong button and wipe out all of Fax World, and it will get in the newspapers, and I'll be too embarrassed to go dancing."

Ah, there was another truth I was hiding: I didn't want to go dancing. The not dancing worried me. Suppose Buchwald and I were sitting in Venice's Piazza San Marco one day during the Hoover admin-istration when Clara Bow, the "It" girl, came to our table, took my hand and said, "May I have this dance?"

I would have to say, "I don't dance," leaving Buchwald, who taught Vernon Castle everything he knew, to waltz her away in a fast Charleston.

Now suddenly Buchwald is boasting that he doesn't play golf. I don't believe it, of course, but hearing a nolo contendere from the master of chic competence brightens my day. After all these years, unaccomplishment may at last be the wave of the future.

New York Times Service

Polo's Back on Hamptons' Lush Lawns

By Peter Marks

T ERICHO, New York - Grab your mallets and your hip flasks. Have the groom saddle the ponies and tell the valet to chill the champagne. There is jolly sporting news, at long last, for Long Island's smart set:

It isn't quite what it was from the 1920s to the '40s. when the gilded clans of the Gold Coast, the Whitneys and the Guests, the Hitchcocks and the Phippses, played matches in their own lavish backyards, when the Duchess of Windsor or the Maharajah of Jaipur might pop in to present a sterling silver loving cup or knock the ball around for a chukker or two on one of the Island's 50 polo

Nevertheless, after decades of decline, during which polo clubhouses were bulldozed for expressways and fields subdivided for housing developments, the game is being played again on vast, lush lawns from Old Westbury to the Hamptons. Strings of polo ponies are being put through their paces in paddocks along Long Island's North Shore. Membership in the Meadowbrook Club, the Island's premier polo club, has risen from 14 to 42 in three years, placing it near its goal of 50 and among the 10 largest in the United States. Two new polo clubs have been established on the island in the last few years.

And, in the most significant symbol of the game's revival here, the organization that governs polo in the United States has selected Nassau County as the site of next year's U.S. Open, bringing the tournament back to

Long Island for the first time in 40 years.

While the U. S. Polo Association's decision is unlikely to cause a stampede to local stores for bamboo polo mallets - there are only about 4,000 active players in the United States - local polo aficionados are ecstatic. They say the return of the Open, which will be played here in both 1994 and 1995, is what Long Island polo needs to build interest.

"I'm just so thrilled about it; it's just overwhelming," declared Albert V. Bianco. a Brooklyn-born developer who keeps 25 polo ponies on his estate in Old Brookville. Bianco, president of the Meadowbrook Polo Club which is based here and bills itself as the oldest polo club in the nation — is polo's No. 1 booster in these parts. Polo has become such a major part of his life that he has integrated it into his business, offering free club memberships to buyers of homes in an Old Westbury subdivision he is developing named Polo Estates.

Polo - with its image as a tony pursuit of British royals and American industrialists who sound faintly British — does not, of course, have the drawing power of hockey, tennis, or even tractor-pulling. Opens held in Indio, Cali fornia, and Lexington, Kentucky, in recent years drew only a few thousand spectators. Even so, Nassau County officials who have never swung a mallet are describing the tournament's return as a major coup.

"The fact that the Open is coming here demonstrates, in

the minds of many, that Nassau County can compete with other geographic areas in attracting such sporting activities," observed Thomas S. Gulotta, the Nassau county executive, whose office supplied a helicopter to take the association's representatives on a tour of polo fields in Bethpage State Park and elsewhere to persuade them to select Nassau over sites in four other states.

Gulotta, who says he has been riding horses in amateur rodeos since he was 4, predicted that polo fever will bring the crowds to the monthlong Open in September 1994,



and that the event will generate \$6 million in "tourism revenue" each year. "We are anticipating up to 20,000 spectators," he said.

Still, officials acknowledge, the networks are not exactly lining up for the broadcast rights. Polo's peak predated the era of television. In the first three decades of this century. Bianco said, polo was a huge spectator sport on Long Island, where many of the game's greatest players, like Tommy Hitchcock and Alan Corey, got their start. In 1928, a three-day series of games between the United States and Argentina, held on the original fields of what was then known as the Meadow Brook Club, attracted more than 100,000 people. Between 1916 and 1953, 28 of the 31 U.S. Opens were held at Meadow Brook, which was then in nearby Westbury.

"It was the heyday of polo when it was held on Long Island," said Allan Scherer, the executive director of the polo association.

Will Rogers, who lived on Long Island when he ap-peared in New York with the Ziegfeld Follies, played at Meadow Brook, as did W. Averell Harriman, the former New York governor, who was a formidable polo talent. Bianco, who at 66 still plays, broke his wrist in a fall from his horse a few years ago.

"Genteel people can be rough," said Charles Leonard, 73, a retired stockbroker who grew up in Jericho and played in one of the last Opens held at Meadow Brook in the early 1950s. His younger brother, Hazard, was killed during a polo game in Aiken, South Carolina, in 1952. It was during the 1950s that polo was muscled off the island, its playing fields — each requiring nearly 10 acres — coveted as residential and office space. In 1954, the land under the Meadow Brook Club was taken by the state for a highway. The club's name lived on in the plans of Long Island commuters: the state called the new road the Meadowbrook Parkway.

A few diehards continued to play polo as the club moved to Jericho. But to many, the demise of the old club represented the passing of a way of life on Long Island. Membership declined as many of the old North Shore estates were broken up or sold off, and the younger generation turned to other distractions, like golf.

But now, even in the face of a slow economy, polo is muscling back, largely as a result of Bianco's energy and salesmanship. Having taken control of the Meadowbrook Club in 1984 — the two words were combined during a 1961 reorganization — Bianco has slowly tried to rebuild membership by developing new fields and training pro-

The polo fields remain the playground of the wellheeled: polo ponies, bred mostly in the western United States, start at \$4,500 to \$7,000 and go up to \$200,000. And, Bianco says, you must have at least two. Member-ship in the club, which employs a full-time polo pro, costs \$4,300 a year for a season that runs from May to October.

There are, of course, other polo meccas. There are clubs from Greenwich, Connecticut, to San Antonio to Santa

And though polo got its start in the United States in the Northeast, Palm Beach, Florida, is considered by many to be the nation's premier polo spot.

"But there is no club in the world that has the heritage of Meadowbrook," said Bianco, who fell in love with horses when he was a boy on the pony rides of Coney Island. "And I think we can bring it back to prominence."

PEOPLE

Saddam Murder Plot? A£1 Million Thriller

A former British Army sniperturned-writer has received an advance of nearly £1 million (about \$1.6 million) for a first novel por traying a fictional assassination of Saddam Hussein after a tightle wound deerstalking-type chase of the Iraqi leader. The book is being compared to Frederick Forsyth's "Day of the Jackal," which was based on a plot to kill Charles de Gaulle. The London publisher Bloomsbury said on Thursday that the taunching of "Shadow Over Babylon" by David Mason, 41, had been brought forward a month to this weekend because of overwhelming interest.

The gun that killed Jesse James brought £105,000 (about \$167,000) at auction by Wallis and Wallis in Lewes, England — almost twice a. much as expected. A postal bid from an American identified only as McGee won the .44 Smith and Wesson No. 3 New Model Revolver that belonged to Bob Ford, a young gunslinger who shot James in Missouri in 1882.

Rumors abound in Manila that Imelda Marcos, the 63-year-old widow of Ferdinand E. Marcos. plans to marry the lawyer who represents her in the United States, James Paul Linn. Mrs. Marcos firmly denies, contending that the stories are a government plot to -harass her and damage Linn's reputation. For his part, Linn says the rumors are not true, but that he is ffattered.

Spike Lee finally made it to the University of California at Irvine for a talk postponed a year ago at the height of the Los Angeles riots. "I really wanted to speak that night," Lee told about 1,500 people during a speech. His limousine got caught in traffic on April 30, 1992. That was the second night of rioting sparked by the state court acquittals of four white Los Angeles police officers charged in the beating of black motorist Rodney G King. Two were subsequently convicted in a federal trial

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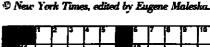
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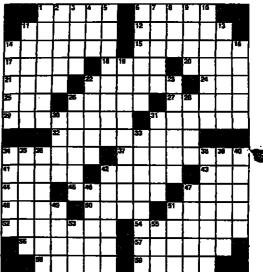
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BOOKS

LONELINESS AND TIME: The Story of British Travel Writing

By Mark Cocker, 294 pages. \$23. Pantheon.

Reviewed by Jennifer Howard

66 F OR my part, I travel not to go." go anywhere, but to go." Robert Louis Stevenson in his 1878 classic. "Travels with a Donkey." "I travel for travel's sake. The great affair is to move." Traveling has been the great

British affair for three centuries and more. Long before Stevenson set out, restless Englishmen were busy flinging themselves at "dark" corners of the world, exploring, mapping, planting the Union Jack. Though the empire that it beloed create has unraveled, Britons' passion for the open road - and for writing about it — persists. In "Loneliness and Time," the British iournalist Mark Cocker offers a scattershot sampling of 20th-century variations on the old national obsession, and takes a loving, if rambling, look at his countrymen's need to move.

Cocker loosely drapes his narrative around travelers active during the first half of this century. They include Wilfred Thesiger. Lawrence Durrell, Frederick Bailey Gavin Maxwell, Laurence van der Post and Harry St. John Philby (father of the more notorious Kim). Though some, like Bailey and Philby, have lapsed into obscurity, most were celebrated and widely

these footloose characters were united in a profound distaste for the comfortable confinements of life in England. As Cocker writes, "in the interior landscape of the traveler. Britain seemed to represent, and to place on his or her experience, some kind of limitation. . . . The central, unifying principle in travel books is that abroad is always a metaphysical

could write and rewrite the story, as he or she would wish it to be." "Loneliness and Time" looks at the disparate dreams, the imagined alternatives, that drew these travelers out of England. Thesiger in Arabia, Durrell among the fisher-men and farmers of Corfu, Maxwell among the Berber brigands of North Africa - profile after pro-

Misfits and malcontents all, file. Cocker builds a collective portrait of people desperate to escape from the numbing conformity they felt pressing in on them in modern

For Frederick Bailey (1882-1967), hailing from a quiet Norfolk village, individuality could be had by reclaiming the high Victorian tradition of Livingstone and Stan-ley. Posted to India with the Bengal Lancers as a youngster, he had no blank sheet on which the traveler intention of wasting his time playing polo and shooting tigers. Instead, he spent most of the years from 1903 until 1913 exploring the borderlands between India and Tibet, braving hostile hill tribes and difficult terrain to map the region single-handedly.

Others pursued less imperial visions of nonconformism. Willred Thesiger (born in 1910), for example, found a life to his liking among the Bedouins of the Arabian deserts and the Marsh Arabs of Iraq. Some travelers, inevitably, get short shrift in "Loneliness and Time or are neglected altogether,

 Helmut Schlesinger, chairman of the Bundesbank, is reading John Steinbeck's "Grapes of Wrath." Generally, he reads "mostly German-language literature, some history, few biographies and never autobiographies," as well as "sim-pler American authors," such as D. Salinger and Kurt Vonnegut. The Americans are easier to read than the British."

(Brandon Mitchener, IHT).



but certain omissions seem particucrowded chapter on Greece? As larly glaring. Why relegate Robert two of the most influential travel Byron (author of "The Road to writers of this century, they surely deserve chapters of their own. The Oxiana") and Patrick Leigh Fermor (who wrote "Roumeli." most recent generation of travel "Mani," etc.) to an already overwriters — Bruce Chatwin, Colin Thubron and many others - gets barely a mention. Ditto for women

> breed, but merely naming Freya Stark and Dervia Murphy is no substitute for a serious discussion). It's a shame that Cocker, having recreated some intriguing personal ities and rescued others from oblivion, obscures them again by wrapping them in a perplexing mixture of history, biography and literary criticism. "Loneliness and Time" has a terrific cast, but it lacks a narrative, a structure, some over arching theory or history of travel

> writing. Halfway through the book, Cocker takes time out for a chapter

travelers (granted, they're a rarer

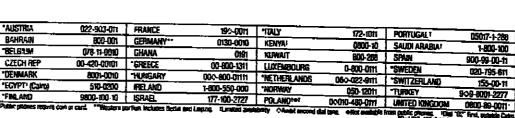
called "The Purpose of the Traveller," in which he compares traveling to a spiritual quest, airs a conple of theories about the psychological makeup of travelers (lack of closeness to the male parent, rebelliousness, etc.) and rhapsodizes about the age-old human need to explore the world's great rivers. Ideas that, shaped and sorted through, could have been fashioned into a useful introduction become instead a strained digression at mid-book.

Fitful though it is, "Loneliness and Time" does suggest some of the vitality behind the ongoing British compulsion to travel for travel's sake.

Jennifer Howard, who writes frequently about travel and travel literature, wrote this for The Washington

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